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3/1788 At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Swansey the 3 day of 3 Moth 1788 — The Accounts being preſented the Repreſentatives therein named are for Swansey Clark Purinton Juner and Caleb Stead for Freetown John Boyce and Azariah Shove who are all preſent — One of the Committee in care of the Caſe of Oliver Earl inform'd that two of them have attended to that matter, and that there appear'd Some condesention in him therefore Sd Committee is again continued and report to next Monthly meeting, and Daniel Brayton is added to Sd Committee —

It appears from a report of one of the Friends In care of Joseph Chaſe's Removal that, Sd matter is not compleated, therefore Sd Committee are again continued and report to next Monthly Meeting —

The committee in care of the requeſt of Removeing Freetown meeting houſe inform that moſt of them have attended to that matter, they not ready to report, Therefore Sd committee is continued and report to next Monthly Meeting —

4/1788 At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Swansey the 7th of 4th Mo. 1788 — The meeting being Aſsembled and the accounts preſented the Repreſentatives therein named are for Swansey Levi Hunt and Nathan Chaſe for Freetown Edward Shove and George Shove who are all preſent —

One of the Committee in care of the matter relative to Oliver Earl inform that they have not had any Opportunity with him since our laſt monthly meeting, therefore Sd Committee are again continued and report to next Monthly meeting —

The Friends in care of Joseph Chaſe's removeal inform'd that they are not prepar'd to report therefore Sd Friends are again continued and report to Next monthly meeting —

The Committee in care of removeing Freetown Meeting houſe, inform'd that they are not ready to report at this time therefore Sd Committee are again continued, and report to next Monthly Meeting —

The Preparative Meeting of Swansey repreſented that Job Anthony of Sd Swansey requeſted to come under Friends care, and he appearing in this meeting and continueing his requeſt — Whereupon Stephen Stead and Levi Hunt are appointed to take a Solid Opportunity with him in order to diſcover the Sincerity of his mind therein and report their Sence thereof to next Monthly Meeting —

The Friends in care of the Meeting at Preſerved Braytons reported the Substance thereof is as followeth — The Meeting at Preſerved Braytons has been reputably kept up, and we with other Friends that attend Sd Meeting think that Sd Meeting may be kept up untill the 6th Mo. as heretofore — Signed in behalf of the Committee &c By Levi Hunt

Hannah Chaſe

And their request of a Meeting is granted agreeable thereunto under the Care of Levi Hunt & John Chase, they to report thereof at the 6th Mo next

The Queries with the Answers from the Preparative Meetings hath been read, from Sd answers general Answers hath been compiled and sent up with an Account to next Quarterly Meeting by our Representatives who are Levi Hunt Stephen Earl and Robert Slead

The Preparative meeting of Swansey presented the following representation which is Accepted and is as followeth — Respected Friends

Samuel Baker the 2 hath been most altogether Neglectfull in attending our Religious meetings, also hath Married out of the good order of ye Friends, for which he hath had some Labour, & Precaution against by some

John Chase
Robert Slead
Nathan Chase

Whereupon Benjamin Buffinton and Benjamin Slead are Appointed to treat with the Sd Samuel, Indeavouring to convince and reclaim him, and report the State of his Mind to next monthly meeting

The Friends in care of Settleing with our Quarterly Meetings Treasurer produced a receipt of 18/3 being the whole of our proportion of the Yearly Meetings Stock, with what hath been heretofore sent up

The Preparative Meeting of Freetown represented that Joseph Shove had thoughts of removeing with his Family within the Verge of the Creek Monthly meeting in Nine partners, Whereupon Edward Shove Elkanah Pierce and Adonijah Upton are appointed to take the necessary care ~~therein~~ and advise therein, and Draught Sd lines if way opens and present to next monthly meeting

The last mentioned Preparative Meeting also represented that Moses Davis requested a Certificate for his Son Preserved, directed to Providence Monthly Meeting, and the last mentioned Committee are also desir'd to make the Necessary inquiry and Draught Sd lines, and present to next monthly meeting if way appears clear

Daniel Purinton returnd the Copy of a minute which he had with an Indorsement thereon from Dover Moth Meeting whereby it appears his Visit was to their Satisfaction

Rhode Island Monthly meeting haveing return'd the Representation Relative to William Robinson and Family, Whereupon Robert Slead Benjamin Buffinton, Benjamin Slead & Moses Buffinton and Caleb Earl are appointed to Inspect and Labour in that matter as way Opens and report thereof to next Monthly Meeting

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At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Swansey the 5th of 5th Mo 1788 The accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Swansey Stephen Slead and Daniel Brayton for Freetown, Adonijah Upton and Elkanah Pierce, who are all present

The Committee in care of the matter relative to Oliver Earl, not haveing had any Opportunity with him, since our last Mo meeting therefore Sd Committee are again continued, and report at the Seventh Moth next

The Friends in care of Joseph Chase's removal inform'd that there is some temporal matters of his unsettled which obstructed a Certificate therefore Sd Friends are again continued, and desir'd to pay particular Attention thereto, and report thereof to next monthly Meeting

The Committee in care of removeing Freetown meeting House reported that it appears to them best, that Sd matter be dismiss'd at present, which is accordingly

The Committee in care of Job Anthony request reported that he Appear'd ~~Sincere Tender~~ therein, Whereupon he the Sd Job is received under our Care One of the Representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly meeting inform'd that they all Attended and nothing particular Sent down

The Friends in care of the matter relative to Samuel Baker 2 inform'd that they have attended to it, and think that a Continuation thereof would be to their Satisfaction, which is accordingly untill next Moth Meeting they then to report thereof

The Friends in care of Joseph Shoves removal presented a Certificate for himself Wife and Son Anthony directed agreeable to his request, which is Signed by the Clerk, and Adonijah Upton is Appointed to forward the Same and report thereof

Said Friends also presented a Certificate for Preserved Davis agreeable to his Fathers request which is Signed by the Clerk, and John Chase is appointed to forward the Same and report thereof

The friends in care of the matter relative to William Robinson & family inform'd that they have Attended thereunto, and presented a Letter directed to RhodeIsland Mo Meeting, which being read is Approved of and Signed by the Clerk and Daniel Brayton is Appointed to forward the Same with the first Representation and report thereof

Swansey Preparative Meeting by one of their Representatives Inform'd that Samuel Baker hath put his son Elisha as an Apprentice to James Breed Liveing within the Verge of Salem Moth Meeting and requests Our Certificate for him Whereupon Moses Buffinton & Benjamin Buffinton are Appointed to draw up a few Lines for that purpose and present to next monthly Meeting

Caleb Earl preſented as follows — I have Attended to the matter relative to tranſcribing the Book of records for Births &c, and there appears a great deſficiency in Some in not bringing in their Accounts, not only in Births, Deaths and Burials, but in the town where they were Born

Caleb Earl

And he the Sd Caleb is Appointed to record the births Deaths &c duly as the Same are preſented to him, and as it appear by the above repreſentation that there is a great neglect in Some Friends on them Accounts Whereupon Jonathan Chaſe 2d Edward Shove & Robert Slead are Appointed to call on thoſe, and Aſsist them therein, and report thereof as there may be Occaſion —

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At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Swansey the 2d of 6th Mo 1788 — The Meeting being Aſsembled and the accounts preſented the Repreſentatives therein named are for Swansey Moſes Buffinton and Benjamin Slead for Freetown Zacheus Hathaway & George Shove who are all preſent —

The Friends in care of the Caſe relative to Joseph Chaſe's removal inform'd that the matter which Obstructed a Certificate for him is not removed therefore Sd friends are again continued, and Clark Purinton Jur is added to them, who are deſired to report to next Moth Meeting —

One of the Committee in care of the matter relative to Samuel Baker 2d inform'd that they are not Qualifyed to report, therefore they are again continued, and report to next Monthly meeting —

John Chaſe inform'd that he hath forwarded the Certificate which he had in Charge agreeable to the Meetings direction —

Daniel Brayton inform'd that he hath forwarded the Paper, relative to William Robinſon to Rhode Iſland Moth Meeting —

The Friends appointed to draught a Certificate for Eliſha Baker, preſented one, agreable to his Fathers requeſt, which is approved and Signed by the Clerk — and Jonathan Chaſe 2d is Appointed to forward the Same, and report thereof —

Gideon Chaſe produced a Copy of a Minute from Accoakset Monthly Meeting wherein it appears that he is about to reſide Some time within the Verge of ours, and they requeſt our care of him, which is Comply'd with —

The Friends in care of the Meeting at Preſawed Braytons inform'd that the Same, has been reputably kept up —

Rueben Chaſe inform'd that he hath forwarded a Copy of the minute relative to Jeſse Chaſe's denial to Nantucket monthly Meeting —

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At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Swansey the 7th of the 7th Mo 1788 → Received the Account from the Preparative Meetings and the Representatives therein named are for Swansey Benjamin Earl & Rueben Chase for Freetown Edward Shove & Hezekiah Shove who are all present

One of the Representatives to last monthly meeting informed that they have all Attended to the matter relative to nominating a Clerk for the Year Ensuing for the meeting which they had in Charge who named James Brayton for that service which appeared to meet our concurrence he is Appointed accordingly the Year Insueing, or untill there be a new appointment

This Meeting taking into Consideration the advice of our Yearly meeting relative to Appointing a Solid committee to have the care to Attend all Burials of Deceased friends, and see that they are decently interred and advise and assist the Deceased relations &c if need requires, Accordingly Caleb Earl, Robert Slead Edward Shove George Shove and Benjamin Buffinton appointed for the Year insueing and report thereof as occasion may require

The Committee in care of the matter respecting Joseph Chase's removal informed that the matter which obstructed his having a Certificate is not removed therefore said Committee is continued and report to next Monthly meeting

One of the Committee in care of the case relative to Samuel Baker 2d informed that he is desirous that the meeting would wait longer on him, which is granted under the care of said Committee they to report to next Monthly meeting

Jonathan Chase 2d informed that he hath forwarded the Certificate relative to Elisha Baker agreeable to the Meetings direction

The Friends in care of the matter respecting Oliver Earl informed that they are not ready to make a full report thereon said Friends are again Continued and to report to next Monthly Meeting

The Queries being read and the Answers from Each Preparative meeting From which Answers general answers hath been compiled and sent up to the next Quarterly meeting with an Account by the Representatives who are Levi Hunt John Chase and Moses Buffinton

The Representatives from Swansey Preparative Meeting presented a paper signed by Stephen Chase wherein he condemns some reproachfull conduct of his which paper being read and considered in this Meeting and friends being satisfied with his concern therein, therefore he is directed to read or cause said paper to be read at the Close of a Meeting for worship at Swansey at a suitable time, and when complyed with, to be received for Satisfaction & Moses Buffinton is Appointed to have the care thereof and report to Next Monthly Meeting

William Lawton produced an Indorsment on the Back of his removal Certificate he had to Rhode Island Monthly meeting whereby it appears that he is removed within the Verge of Ours and Recommend him the s^d William and his Son William to our care which is Accepted of

The Committee long since appointed in care of a Subscription for our Friend Ebenezar Pope inform'd that they have attended to that matter and nothing collected therefore they are discontinued

Caleb Earl and Benjamin Slead are appointed to dispose of the grass in our Lott of Land in the best manner they are capable of and report to next Monthly Monthly

6/768 At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Swansey the 4 of the 6th Mo 1788 The Account from the preparative meeting being presented the Representatives therein named are for Swansey Oliver Buffinton & John Chase For Freetown George Shove and Adonijah Wheler who are all present

The Committee in care of Joseph Chase's removal presented an Information representing his State to Uxbridge monthly meeting which is Approved of and Signed by the Clerk and Levi Hunt is Appointed to forward the same and report thereof to next Monthly meeting

The Committee in care of the matter relative to Samuel Baker's inform'd that they are desirous that the same be continued which is accordingly under their care they to report thereof to next Monthly Meeting

The Committee in care of the matter relative to Oliver Earl report which is accepted and is as follows — To the monthly meeting now sitting

We your Committee according to Appointment respecting Oliver Earl have attended to that matter and he appears to us in some degree sensible of his misconduct yet not with so close an Attention as we could wish

Signed on behalf of the Committee
By Levi Hunt

And the s^d Oliver presented a paper Condemning his attending places of vain Recreation &c. which paper he is directed to read or cause to be read at the close of a meeting for worship at Swansey at a suitable time which when complied with to be received for satisfaction and Daniel Bragton is appointed to have the care thereof and report to next monthly meeting.

Oliver Buffinton inform'd that the paper of Condemnation from Stephen Chase left in his care hath been read agreeable to direction of last monthly Meeting

Received an Information from Rhode Island monthly meeting relative to William Robinson's removal whereby it appears that they are desirous of care relative to that matter. Whereupon Benjamin Buffinton Jonathan Chase 2^d Nathan Chase & George Shove are Appointed to labour in the same as way may Open, and report thereof to next Monthly meeting

Swansey Preparative meeting represented that William Stead purposes
to offer his Intention of Marriage with Hannah Bowser at this
time who Accordingly appear'd and declar'd the same and they are
desir'd to wait untill next monthly meeting for an Answer and
Nathan Chase and Benjamin Stead are Appointed to make the
necessary inquiry respecting the clearness of Marriage &c. of the s.d
William, and report thereof to next Monthly meeting
The Representatives appointed to Attend the last Quarterly
Meeting inform'd that they all Attended, and produced the
following Epistles Extracts and Transcripts (viz) our last Quarterly
Meetings Epistle whereby it appears that our last Yearly meeting
concluded to raise £50 for their Use whereof our Monthly meeting
is desir'd to raise £2-18/ and the Preparative meetings are desir'd
to contribute thereunto in freedom and send up to next monthly meeting
and the Clerk is directed to furnish each Preparative meeting with
a Copy of this Extract also an Extract of some of the minutes of
our last yearly meeting, one of which is directed to be enter'd in our
books of Discipline, Whereupon the Clerk is directed to enter the
same accordingly and report thereof to next Monthly meeting
also Transcripts of Epistles as follows are from our last yearly Meeting
One from the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in London the [illegible] and
6 Mo. 1787 — One from the Yearly meeting of Friends held at
Philadelphia dated 9 Mo. 1787 and one from the Yearly meeting
of Friends held at Westbury on Long Island dated 5 Mo. 1788
which have all except the three latter been read mostly to good
Satisfaction the reading of those not Accomplish'd is refer'd to
next Monthly Meeting

9/1788 At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Swansey the
1st of the 9 Mo. 1788 — the Meeting being Assembled and the names
from the Preparative meetings present the Representatives [illegible]
are for Swansey Caleb Stead and Benjamin [illegible] for [illegible]
and Azariah Shove who being called are all present
Levi Flint inform'd that he hath forwarded the representation relative
to Joseph Chase's removal to Uxbridge monthly meeting
The Committee in care of the matter respecting Samuel Baker report
at this time So upon due Consideration of the matter it appear'd best
to continue the Committee in care of that matter who are Accordingly to
report thereof to next monthly meeting
The Clerk inform'd that Peter Earl hath Comply'd with last monthly
meetings direction relative to his paper of Acknowledgment

The Committee in care of William Robinsons removal inform'd that they are not Qualified to report, therefore sd Committee are continued in care of that matter and report to next Monthly Meeting —

The friends appointed to enquire into the clearness of the Marriage of William Slead report that nothing appears to obstruct his intention and he and Hannah Brayton appearing and continued their sd intention Whereupon they were desir'd to consummate the same agreeable to the good order of Friends, and Joseph Buffinton and Jonathan Chase 2 are Appointed to see that sd Marriage is decently solemnized and report thereof to next monthly meeting —

The Clerk inform'd that he hath forwarded a Copy of the minute relative to the Yearly meeting Stock to each Preparative Meeting He further inform'd that the matter directed by last monthly meeting to be inserted in our book of Discipline has been Comply'd with —

The reading of the Transcripts of Epistles referr'd at last monthly meeting hath been comply'd with at this time to good satisfaction —

The Queries was Read in this meeting and Answers from each Preparative meeting, from which general Answers was Compil'd and sent up with an Account to next Quarterly meeting by the Representatives who are Edward Shove & Daniel Brayton 2d Robert Slead —

The Preparative meeting of Swansey forwarded the following representation, To the monthly meeting of Swansey now sitting, Respected Friends, Stephen Russell having neglected attending our religious meetings and also it appears he is a keeping company with one out of our Society and we have labour'd to persuade him is much as we think useful for us to do Signed by the Clerk
Robert Slead —

Whereupon Levi Hunt & Jonathan Chase 2 are Appointed to treat with him, the sd Stephen in order to convince and reclaim him and report the State of his mind to next monthly Meeting —

Freetown Preparative meeting inform'd that they have Nominated Edward Shove and Joseph Slade to the place of Elders which being consider'd in this, is with the Concurrence of the Women approved of and their appointment is directed to be noticed in the account to our next Quarterly Meeting for their approbation —

The Preparative meeting of Swansey forwarded the following representation, To the Monthly meeting of Friends at Swansey now sitting Respected Friends there hath been a matter between Philip Chase and Weston Earl Respecting a Debt due from the sd Philip to
sd

Jr Weston which hath been left to Arbitrators of their own agreeme and the sd Weston refuses to abide their judgment or award but hath sued the sd Philip at the Law — Nathan Chase
Robert Stead

Whereupon Asa Shove Azariah Shove Caleb Purinton and George Shove are appointed to inspect and Discover in that matter consistant with Discipline and report thereof to next monthly meeting

The womens meeting presented a Certificate wherein Gideon Robinson and Sylvester Robinson young Sons of William Robinson were recommended as members to Rhode Island monthly meeting which was signed by the Clerk

Freetown Preparative meeting collected and sent up 14/6 for the Yearly Meetings use

The Preparative meeting of Swanzey forwarded a request from part of the members which belong to the meeting which hath been heretofore held at Preserved Braytons wherein they request that, that meeting be revived which is granted accordingly to be held as heretofore the ensuing month except the second and fourth first days, under the care of Benjamin Buffinton Nathan Chase and Levi Hunt, they to report as to the continuance thereof to next Monthly meeting

One of the Representatives inform'd that Weather Austin Son of Benjamin Austin is residing within the verge of Nantucket monthly meeting. Whereupon Robert Stead and Daniel Brayton are Appointed to inquire into that matter and draught a Certificate for him if Necessary and present to next Mo meeting

10/1788 At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Swanzey the 6th of the 10th Mo 1788 — The Representatives from the Preparative meetings as by their Account appear are for Swanzey Caleb Earl and Moses Buffinton — for Freetown Asa Shove and Daniel Purinton who being called are all present except Moses Buffinton

The Committee continued in care of the matter relative to Samuel Baker Jur inform'd this Meeting that they was not ready to make a full report at this time therefore the friends are again continued and desir'd to report at next Monthly Meeting

One of the Friends appointed to see the Marriage of William Stead and Hannah Brayton decently Solemnized reported that they both attended the Marriage and that nothing appear'd to them but the same was orderly Consumate

The Committee appointed to Labour with Stephen Russel presented the following report. We have attended to our appointment Respecting Stephen Russel and he does not appear in a disposition to make Friends satisfaction. — Jonathan Chase 2d
Levi Hunt —

Wherefore he the sd Stephen Russel is denyed membership untill he returns and makes friends satisfaction

The Committee appointed to Inspect the matter relative to Austin Earl presented a report at this time by which it appears they have paid Some attention to their Appointment and this Meeting being Sensible that their is a further service for them in that Case do continue them who are desired to persevere therein, and report to next monthly meeting

The Friends appointed to make inquiry respecting Weather Austin Residing within the Verge of Nantucket Monthly meeting presented a Certificate for him Directed to sd meeting which was Approved and Signed by the Clerk and Daniel Brayton is desired to forward the same

Received an Extract of a minute from our Quarterly Meeting wherein we are Requested to send up a list of the Select Members to the Quarter preceding the next Yearly Meeting whereupon Caleb Earl and Benjamin Buffinton are Appointed to make out a list of the Select members belonging to this meeting and present the same at next monthly Meeting

The friends in care of the Meeting at [illegible] Braytons are continued to report at next monthly Meeting as they are not fully ready at this time

[illegible] Preparative meeting in their Account inform that [illegible] requested a Certificate for this [illegible] directed to [illegible] therefore George Chase & Asa Chase are appointed to make the Necessary Inquiry respecting that matter and draught a few lines for that purpose and present to next monthly meeting if way appears Clear

Swanzey Preparative Meeting by their Representatives inform that David Chase requested a Copy of a Minute to Carolina as he was about to go there on Some Business to reside the Ensuing winter whereupon Daniel Brayton Daniel Chase and Caleb Earl are Appointed to treat with him respecting his Undertaking and if Nothing appears to Obstruct that they prepare Such a Certificate for him as they think proper and Sign the same in behalf of this Meeting and report thereof to next Monthly Meeting

11/17 At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Swanzey the 3 of 11mo 1788 — the Meeting being Assembled and the Accounts from the Preparative meetings presented the Representatives therein Named are for Swanzey Stephen Mead and Caleb Earl for [illegible] Adonijah Upton and John Boyce who are all present —

The Committee in care of the matter relative to Samuel Baker's Inform'd that they have paid some Attention to that matter yet not fully ready to make report therefore they are again Continued and report to next monthly Meeting —

The Committee in care of the matter relative to Weston Earl not being Qualified to make report therefore Sd. Committee is again Continued and report to next Monthly Meeting —

The Friends in care to Collect the names of the select Members belonging to this meeting not haveing got thro with that matter therefore Sd. friends are Continued and desired to report at our Monthly meeting Preceeding the Last Quarter before our Yearly Meeting —

The Committee in care of the meeting at [illegible] report that Sd. Meeting hath been in a good degree reputably kept up, and the continuance of a first day meeting there except that before each monthly meeting may be kept up untill the fourth month next, under the care of a Committee which this Meeting Agrees with Levi [illegible] and John Chase are Accordingly appointed to have the care thereof and report when Necessary —

The Friends in care of a Certificate for Isaac Upton prepared one which is approved and signed by the Clerk and Adonijah Upton is Appointed to forward the same and report there —

The friends in care of the matter relative to David Chase's request inform that upon Inquiry it appears to them that [illegible]

The Friends in care of the matter relative to William Robinson's [illegible] inform that they are not ready to report therefore they are again continued and report to next monthly Meeting —

The Overseers inform'd that the time of their Appointment to that service is expired therefore each Preparative meeting are desired to Nominate some suitable Friends for that service and report thereof to next monthly Meeting and the Clerk is directed to furnish each Preparative meeting with a Copy of this Minute —

17/1788 At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Swanzey the 1 day of 12 Mth. 1788 the Accounts from the Preparative Meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Swanzey Benjamin Buffinton and Daniel [illegible], for [illegible] Zacheus Hathaway and Edward Shove who being called are all Present —

The Committee in care of the matter relative to Samuel Baker 2d
that they are continued their care in that case and are desirous
that the same be longer continued which is accordingly under their
care they to report thereof to next Monthly meeting

The friends in care of the matter relative to Weston Earl reported which is
as followeth — We of your Committee according to appointment have atten-
ded to that matter respecting Philip Chase and Weston Earl and laboured
to convince the same, but it hath not had the desired effect, said Weston hath
proceeded in the Law so far as to cause said Philip's Land to be prized and
set off for him by virtue of an Execution against said Philip, which appears
to us, as the case was circumstanced, to be inconsistent with the true intent of
our discipline, all which we submit to the judgment of the Mo. meeting

To the monthly meeting of friends to be } Caleb Purinton
held at Swansey now sitting } George Shove
Asa Shove

Whereupon Zacheus Hathaway, Edward Shove, Admiral Upton
and Job Anthony are Appointed to treat with him in order to convince and
reclaim him, and report the State of his mind to next Mo. meeting

The friends in care of William Robinson's removal informed that they have
paid some attention to that matter but not ready to make a full report —
therefore they are again continued and report thereof to next monthly meeting

The Queries and Answers from each Preparative meetings have been read
in this and said Answers, general Answers hath been compiled and sent up
with an Account to next Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who
are Jonathan Chase 2 Edward Shove and Levi Slead

At A Monthly meeting of friends held in Swansey the 5th day of 7th Mo.
1789 — The Accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the
Representatives therein named are for Swansey Caleb Slead and Caleb
Purinton for Freetown George Shove and Admiral Upton who are all present

The Committee in care of the matter relative to Samuel Baker 2d reported which is
Received and is as followeth — We of Your Committee agreeable to Appointment have
attended to the matter respecting Samuel Baker 2d and he appeared to be in a capa-
city Sensible of his misconduct

Benjamin Buffinton
Benjamin Slead

and he the said Samuel producing a paper Condemning his misconduct, which
being read the Same is Lodged in this meeting, untill he may manifest
a fuller proof of his Sincerity, and Benjamin Buffinton is Appointed to have an
eye over him and report when Necessary

The Friends in care of the matter relative to Weston Earl not being
prepared to make a full report, therefore said friends are again Continued and
report to next Monthly Meeting — The friends in care of the matter
relative to William Robinson's removal, informed that tho they have paid some
attention to that matter but not ready to report, Whereupon said friends are again
Continued and report to next Monthly Meeting

2d 1789 At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Swansey the 2d day of the 2d Moth 1789 — The meeting being Aſsembled and the accounts from the Preparative meetings preſented, the repreſentatives therein named are, for Swansey Benjamin Buffinton, of Moſes & Benjamin Earl for freetown Zachues Hathaway & William Roſes who being called all preſent accept Zachaus Hathaway

The friends in Cear of the matter relative to Weſton Earl not giving any report at this time, are again Continued, and report the next monthly meeting

the Friends in Cear of the Case relative to Wm Robinſon Removal, not being qualified to report, therefore sd friends are again Continued, and report at next monthly meeting —

3d At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Swansey the 2d of the 3d Moth 1789, the accounts from the Preparative meetings being preſented, the Repreſentatives therein named are, for Swanſey, William Lawton & Moſes Buffinton, for freetown Adonijah Upton & Edward Shove, who being Called are all preſent

Zachues Hathaway Gave Reason for his abſence at last monthly Meeting, which is Satisfactory

the friends in Cear of the Case of Weſton Earl, being not ~~not~~ Ready to report they are again Continued and report to next Monthly Meeting —

the Committe in Cear of ye matter relative to William Robinſon removal, having not got through with it are again Continued, and report thereof to next monthly meeting ——— the friends in Cear to make out a liſt of the names of our Select members, preſented one which is directed to be Caried up to next Quartily meeting, by our Repreſentative —

the preparative meeting of Swansey preſented a paper from Theophilus Shove Junr, Wherein he condemns his marrying Contrary to the Rules of Discipline alſo requeſts that his Children be taken under Friends care; Whereupon Moſes Buffinton & Stephen Mead are appointed to take a Suitd opportunity with him, in order to Discover his Sincerity in condemning his sd Inconſiſtant marriage and the Conſiſtancy of his Children admitance into membership and report thereof to next monthly meeting

the Queries being read with the answers thereto from each Preparative Meeting from which General answers has been Compiled and Sent up with an account to our next Quarterly meeting by our Repreſentatives who are Adonijah Upton Edward Shove & Moſes Buffinton —

Swanzey preparative meeting Colected and Sent up £2..3..6d toward the yearly meeting Stock which with 14..6 freetown Sent up makes £2..18 the whole of our propotion of Sd Stock, and Levi Hunt is appointed, to Convey the Same to the yearly meeting Treasure, and aquaint Rhode Island Quarterly meeting thereof

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Swansey the 6th of the 4th Mo 1789 The accounts from the Preparative meeting being Presented the Representatives therein named are, for Swansey Benjamin Buffinton & David Earl for Freetown Job Almy & Asa Shove, who being called are Present — The Committee in Care of the matter relative to Weston Earl, reported which is accepted, and the further Confidertion thereof is refer'd to next monthly meeting — one of the Committee in Care of the matter relative to William Robinson, Removal Inform'd, that they have not got through therewith they are therefore again Continued, and report thereof to next monthly meeting —

the Committee in Care of the request from Theophilus Shove jur Reported, which is accepted and is as follows —

We your Committee have had a oppertunity with Theophilus Shove jur to a good degree of Satisfaction, and believe it may be Safe for the meeting to grant his request —

Thereupon he the Said Theophilus is with his Children namely Samuel Clerk and Theophilus Received under our care — the Representatives appointed to attend the last Quarterly meeting Inform'd that they all attended to their appointment —

The general Printed Epistle from the yearly meeting of Friends held at London 5th mo 1788 Coming to hand, was read in this meeting to good Satisfaction —

Levi Hunt produced a receipt, from the yearly meeting Treasurer for our propotion of Sd meeting Stock, Committed to his care —

The friends nominated at last monthly meeting to draught a Certificate &c: for Mehitable Lawen and Son Presented one Directed to the monthly meeting of Friends at Providence, within the verge of which they are removed, which was Signed by the Clerk —

Uxbridge monthly meeting having returned the Information relative to Joseph Chase removal, with the reason thereon assigned, John Chase & Clark Purinton jur, Levi Hunt Benjamin Buffinton are appointed, to assist Joseph in order that he may have a removal Certificate and report thereof to next Monthly Meeting ——

the Preparative Meeting of Swanzey forwarded the Names of Benjamin Buffinton son of Moses and Daniel Brayton in Freetown preparative forwarded the Names of Adonijah Upton & Edward Shove to the place of overseers, which Nomination meets the Concurrance of this meeting they are therefore appointed to that Service for the year Insuing or till others be appointed ——

the preparative meeting of Swanzey also informd that the overseers exhibited a Complaint against William Lewen junr which was as follows To the Preparative meeting of Friends to held at Swanzey, the 2d of the 4th Mo 1789 —

Dear Friends, this is to Inform that William Lewen Junr has almost wholly neglected the attendance of our Religious meetings for which he has been Laboured with, for the same John Chase

whereupon Benjamin Slead and Jonathan Chase 2d Nathan Chase are appointed to treat with him, in order to remove sd neglect and report thereof to next Monthly Meeting ——

the Last mention'd Preparative meeting also, presented a paper from Buffum Slead where in he condemns his committing fornication, and marring Contrary to the good order of friends, Benjamin Buffinton, and John Chase, are appointed to take an opportunity with him, in order to discover his sincerity of his sd paper, and report to next monthly meeting ——

Said Preparative meeting, also forwarded, a request from Moses Davis Junr, for a Certificate, he being about to remove to Hudson, up the North river. Levi Hunt and George Shove are appointed to make the Necessary Inquiery respecting said Removal, and Draught sd Certificate if nothing appears to obstruct, and present to next Monthly Meeting

the friends in Care of the meeting at Preserved Braytons Reported the same, has been kept up to satisfaction ——

5/17 At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Swanzey the [illegible] of the [illegible] Mo 1789 The accounts from the Preparatives meeting being Presented the representatives therein named are for Swanzey Nathan Chase & Samuel Earl for Freetown George Shove & Adonijah Upton — who being called are all present

the Case of Weston Earl Continued at Last monthly meeting coming under Consideration and report again read up which is as follows ——

We your Committee, according to appointment have attended to that matter, Respecting Weston Earl and Laboured therein in order to Convince him of his misconduct, which has not had the desired Effect; and he don't appear to us in a Disposition to make Friends Satisfaction, all which we Submit to the judgment of the monthly meeting—

To the monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Swansey the 6th day of the 7th Mo 1789
Adonijah Upton
Edward Shove
Zaccheus Hathaway

Whereupon Said Weston Earl is denied membership, untill he returns and makes friends Satisfaction, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Coppy of this entry

Levi Hunt and George Shove are appointed to Draught a Testimony of Denyal against the Said Weston, and Present to next monthly meeting

the Committee in Cares of the matter relative to William Robinson not being ready to report, are again Continued and report to next 7th mo

the Friends in Care of Joseph Chases Certificate, Informed that they have not Got through with that matter, therefore said friends are again Continued, and report next Monthly meeting

the Committee in Care of the matter relative William Lewen Junr Informed that they have paid attention thereto, tho not redy to report, therefore Committee is Continued and report to next Monthly Meeting

the Committee in Care of Shuffum Read, request not being ready to report are Continued and report to next Monthly Meeting

The friends in Care of Moses Davis Junr removal Presented a Certificate for him directed to the Creek monthly meeting Nine partners which is approved and signed by the Clerk, and Levi Hunt is appointed to forward the Same

The preparative meeting of Swansey informed, that they have nominated Nathan Chase to the place of an overseer, which met the Concurrance of this, and the Womens meeting, he is appointed according for that Service for the year insueing

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Swansey the first day of the 6th Mo. 1789 — The accounts from the Preparative Meetings being presented, the Representatives, therein named are for Swansey Levi Hunt & Benjamin Slead, for freetown Edward Shove & Asa Shove, who being called are all Present —

The Friends appointed to Draught a Testimony of Denial agst. Weston Earl, Presented one which is approved of and Sign'd by the Clerk and Levi Hunt is appointed to read the same at the Close of a meeting of Worship, at Swansey at a Sutable time and report thereof when accomplished —

The Friends in Care of the matter relative to Joseph Chases removal reported, that there is yet Remaining some temporal affairs of his unsettled, and they also presenting an Information to the meeting within which he resides representing his Standing which is approved of, and Sign'd by the Clerk, and Levi Hunt is appointed to forward the same

The Committee in Care of the matter relative to William Green Informed, that they thought that a Continuation of that matter would be of use, therefore Sd Committee are again Continued in Care of that matter, and report thereof at the Eight month next —

The Committee in Care of Benjamin Slead's request, &c, not being Qualified to report, therefore Sd Committee is again Continued and report to next monthly Meeting —

The Queries and Answers from each Preparative Meeting Being read in this Meeting and General Answers Compiled are Sent up with an account, to next Quarterly meeting, by the Representatives, who are Stephen Slead & Azariah Shove

Levi Hunt Informed that he hath forwarded the Certificate in behalf of Mason Davis Junr agreeable to the meeting direction —

The Preparative meeting of Swansey forwarded an Information from the overseers which is accepted and is as follows —

To the Preparative meeting of Friends to be held at Swansey 20th of the 5th Mo. 1789 — Respected Friends these may Inform that Benjamin Davis Junr hath So far Deviated from the Established Rules of our Society, as to keep company with a young woman not of our Society in order for Marriage & hath also attended a disorderly Marriage for which misconduct he hath been Laboured with & he doth not appear in a Disposition to make Friends Satisfaction

Daniel Boynton
Benjn Buffinton

Whereupon Moses Buffinton & Stephen Slead, are appointed to
treat with him the sd Benjamin, in order to convince, and reclame
him and Report the state of his mind to next Monthly Meeting,
The Preparative meeting of Swansey also informed that Robert
Slead hath Placed his son Robert as an apprentice, within the
verge of Uxbridge monthly Meeting, and request a few Lines,
Shewing his right of membership, these may therefore Certify
that he hath a birth right among friends and Desire your
Care of him during his apprentiship and the Clerk
is Directed to convey a Coppy of this entry to said Uxbrige
Monthly Meeting

7/1789 At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Swansey the 6th of the
7th Mo 1789 — the Representatives from the Preparative
Meetings are, for Swansey Thomas Earl & Clark Purinton jr
for Freetown George Shove Adonijah Upton who being
called are all Present the Clerk Informed that the
time of his appointment is Expired, Whereupon the
Representatives are desired, to take the same under their
care and consider of a suitable Friend for that Service, and
confer with him thereon and report thereof to next monthly meeting,
Levi Hunt Informed that he hath forwarded the Representation
respecting Joseph Chase agreeable to the meeting direction
The Friends continued at our last meeting, in regard
to Buffum Slead's request, informed that the same
attention hath been paid thereto, but not Ready to make
a full Report, therefore sd Friends are again Continued
and Report to next Monthly meeting
One of the Friends appointed to attend the last Quarterly
meeting Informed that they both attended who also presented
Transcripts of Epistles and Extract as follows viz one from
our last Yearly meeting, one from the Yearly meeting of
Friends held at London in 1788, one from the last yearly
meeting of Friends held at Philadelphia, and one from
the last yearly meeting of Friends held at Westbury
on Long Island also an extract from our last yearly meeting
minutes, the second former and Latter were read at this
Time to good Satisfaction, the Reading of the other
are referred to next monthly meeting

One of the Friends in Care of the matter relative to Benjamin Davis jur Informed, that he hath been absent Since our Last Monthly meeting therefore Sd Friends are again Continued, and Report to next monthly meeting

Received an Extract from our meeting for Suffering held at East-Greenwich the 4th mo.th Last Whereby it appears that they were Desirous to Promote the reprinting of the Bible by Isaac Collins of Trenton, by Subscriptions thereupon Benjamin Slead Reuben Chase Levi Hunt and Edward Shove are appointed to Procure Subscriptions for the same and represent their Progress to futer monthly meeting

The Friends in Care relative to William Robenson removall Informed, that tho they have paid Some attention to that matter, nevertheless are not Prepared to make a full report. therefore Sd friends are again Continued, and report to next monthly meeting

At a Monthly meeting of Friends, held at Swansey the 3d day of the 8th Moth 1789 — The accounts from the Preparative meetings being Presented, the Representatives therein named are for Swansey Jonathan Chase 2d & Daniel Brayton for Somerset Adonijah Upton & Azariah Shove who being called are all Present — the matter left in Care of the Representatives at our last meeting in respect to a Clerk for this meeting, they reporting; that they had paid attention thereto, and Confered with the former Clerk, which met the Concurrence of this meeting whereupon he is reappointed accordingly for the year Ensuing

The friends in Care of Buffum Slade Request Reported that they have had an opportunity with him to some degree of Satisfaction, as he appears in some good Degree sincear respecting his request, which report and matter is Refered to next monthly meeting for further Consideration

The reading of the transcript of Epistle, refered last monthly meeting hath been accomplished at this time to good Satisfaction

The friends in Care of the matter relative to Benjamin Davis jur Informed, that he still absent, therefore they are again Continued and report to next monthly meeting

The friends in Care of the matter Relative to William Lewen Junr reported as followes We have attended to our appointment, Respecting William Lewen Junr and he doth not appear to us, to be in a Suitable Disposition to make Friends Satisfaction

Jonathan Chase

Benjamin Slead

Whereupon he the Sd William Lower Junr is Disownd membership, untill he manifests an Ingagement and steady attendance of our religious Meetings and otherwise make satisfaction and the Clerks directed to furnish him with with a Coppy of this minute

the friends in care of the matter relative to William Robinson not being Ready to report, are again Continued, and report to next Monthly meeting

the Preparative meeting of Creetown, Inform, that Zacchues Hathaway hath thought of Visiting his friends within the verge East Hoosuck monthly meeting, and request our Concurrance, these may Certify, all whom it may Concern, that he is a member of our meeting and have unity with his Sd visit, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Coppy of this Minute

Levi Hunt Informed that he hath read the Testamony of denyal against Weston Earl, which appeard to satisfaction

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Swansey the 7th of the 9th Month 1789 — The Representatives from the Preparative meeting, as by their account, appears are for Swansey Levi Hunt, & Caleb Earl, for Freetown John Boyce & Edward Shove, who being called are all Present — The Case of Buffum Slead Coming under the Consideration of this meeting, after a deliberate Consideration thereon, this meeting hath Accept his acknowledgement, for satisfaction, and Received him under the Care of Friends

The Committee appointed to take an opportunity with Benjamin Davis Junr report, that they have had an opportunity with him, and that he doth not appear in a disposition to make Friends satisfaction, he haveing made Some procedure towards marriage, where upon this meeting doth disown him membership, and appoint Moses Buffinton & Caleb Earl to Draw ups a Testamony of Denial against him, and Present at our next meeting — The Clerk informd this meeting, that he hath given of a Coppy of the denial of William Lower Junr unto him agreeable to direction

The Friends appointed in the Case of William Robinson, not being in a Capacity to make a report, they are again Continued, who are desired to make a full report at our next monthly meeting

The Clerk Inform that he hath furnised Zacchues Hathaway with a Coppy of a minute agreeable to direction

Swansey preparative meeting exhibited the following complaint; against Joseph Baker, To the Preparative meeting of Friends to be held at Swansey the 3d day of the 9th Mo 1709

Whereas Joseph Baker having a Birthright among Friends at Swansey hath deviated from our Christian Profession by holding forth Principles contrary thereto, and neglecting the attendance of our Religious meetings, also attended a Place of vain Recreation such as dancing, for which disorderly Conduct he hath been tenderly Laboured with, which has Proved to little or no Effect

Daniel Brayton
Benjamin Buffinton son of Moses

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Whereupon this meeting doth appoint Benjamin Buffinton, and Moses Buffinton to take an opportunity with him and Labour with him for his recovery and make report thereof to next monthly meeting

Likewise said preparative meeting inform, that Levi Hunt informed said meeting that he had thoughts of Removing [illegible] to Providence whereupon this meeting doth appoint John Chase, to take an opportunity with him and if all matters appear Clear to Draught a certificate for him and Bring to our Next monthly meeting

10/17 At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Swansey the 5th of the 10th Mo 1709 The accounts from the Preparative meetings being Presented the Representatives therein named are Swansey David Earl & Stephen Slead for Freetown Edward Chace & Zacheus Hathaway, who being called are all Present

The Committee Appointed to Draw a Testimony of Denial against Benjamin Davis junr presented one to this meeting which was approved of and Signed by the Clerk and Moses Buffinton is appointed to Read it at a Suitable time

The Case of William Robinson, is continued to our next monthly meeting, the Committee not being in a Capacity to make Report The Committee Appointed to take an opportunity with Joseph Baker, Report that they have had an opportunity with him and Likewise that it is best that matter be continued which is continued to our next monthly meeting and said Committee, are desired to make report thereof how they find the State of his mind

The Committee Appointed to Draw a Removal Certificate on behalf of Levi Hunt to the monthly meeting of Friends at Providence presented one which was approved of, and signed by the Clerk, and John Chase is appointed to forward said Certificate to the monthly meeting of Friends at providence

The preparative meeting of Swansey exhibited the following Complaint against Richard Eddy viz^{t} To the Preparative Meeting of Friends to be held at Swansey the 3^{d} day of the 9th Moth 1789 &c

These may Inform that, Whereas Richard Eddy, haveing a Birth right among Friends, at Swansey hath by giving way to Passion, caus'd a reproach to be brought upon our Christian Profession, by prophane Swearing, for which reproachfull Conduct, he hath been Labour'd with to little or no Effect

Daniel Brayton
Benjamin Buffinton of Moses

Whereupon this meeting doth Appoint, Benjamin Slead & Caleb Earl to take an opportunity with him, and Labour for his Recovery, and make Report thereof, to our next Monthly Meeting &c

Queries was Read was Read, an Answers to them in this meeting, and Sent to our next Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are Jonathan Chase John Chase and Zacchues Hatheway

A Certificate on behalf of Buffum Shead, to the monthly meeting of Friends at Acoaxet, Signifying his being a member of this meeting, was Seign'd by the Clerk and Daniel Chase Jun^{r} is Desired to forward said Certificate to Friends at Accoaxet

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At a monthly meeting of Friends held at Swansey the 2^{d} of the 11th Moth 1789 &c the Representatives from the Preparative meetings as by their accounts appear are for Swansey Benjamin Buffinton & Theophilus Shove Jun^{r} for Freetown George Shove & Asa Shove who being called are all present

Moses Buffinton Informed this meeting that he hath Read the Testamony of Denial against Benjamin Davis Jun^{r} agreeable to Appointment

The Committee appointed in Care of William Robinson, presented the following Report, We of your Committee have had an opportunity with William Robinson and give him such advice as appear'd to us Consistant with the Rules of Discipline of Friends, in such a Case as his, and Offered our assistance in order to accomplish the Same which he has neglected to comply with &c Which we Submit to the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Swansey the 2^{d} day of the the 11th Moth 1789

Benjamin Buffinton
George Shove
Jonathan Chase &c

The Consideration whereof is referd to our Next monthly meeting
The Friends continued to Labour with Joseph Baker, Reported that he did not appear in a disposision to make Friends Satisfaction; Whereupon this meeting doth disown him membership, untill there Appears a Suitable disposition in him, to condemn his mis-conduct, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a coppy of this minute — the Friends appointed to Labour with Richard Eddy for his Recovery, Reported that he did not Appear in a Suitable disposition to make Friends satisfaction Whereupon this meeting doth disown him, membership and appoint Daniel Chase Junr and Moses Buffinton to draw up a Testamony of Denial against him and Present to our next Meeting —

The Representatives to our Last Quarterly meeting Informed that they all attended and Also Informed this meeting that our proportion to raise for the yearly meeting Stock, for the year 1749 is £2..17.. Whereupon the Clerk is directed to furnish Each Preparative meeting with a Coppy of this Entry —

Daniel Chase Junr Informed this meeting, that he hath not had an oppertunity to Carry Buffinton Mead Certificate to Acoxet monthly meeting, he is therefore Continued for the Same Service, and make Report thereof to our next Monthly meeting

This meeting Received an Information, from the monthly meeting of Friends Salem, Certifying that Eben Chase Stands as a member of Society, and that he hath Left his master in a Clandistine manner whereupon this meeting doth Appoint, John Chase and Reubin Chase to look the matter and treat with him, upon the Subject, and make report thereof to our next Monthly Meeting

12/1749 At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Swansey the 7th of the 12 Month 1749 — the meeting being Assembled and the Accounts from the Preparative meeting being Read the Representatives therein Named are for Swansey John Chase & Jonathan Chase 2d for Freetown Daniel Buffinton and Edward Shove who being Called are all Present

The Clerk informed this meeting that he hath furnish Joseph Baker with a Coppy of the minute of his denial agreeable to appointment — Moses Buffinton and Daniel Chase presented to this meeting a Testamony of Denial against Richard Eddy, which is approved of and Signed by the Clerk. Moses Buffinton is appointed to Read it at a Suitable time at a Close of a meeting for worship

The Clerk inform'd that he furnish each preparative meeting with a Cappy of what is the proportion for this meeting to Raise for the yearly meeting Stock —

The Case of William Robinson is refer'd to the Judgment of our next monthly meeting —

This meeting is inform'd that the Certificate on behalf of Buffum Stead Come to hand as Directed —

The Case of Abner Chase is Refer'd to our next monthly meeting under the care of the same Friends as before —

This meeting Received an Information from Swansey preparative meeting that Asa Hathaway hath Wholly Neglected the attendance of our Religious meetings; and Neglects to pay a just debt due to John Stead, — Whereupon this meeting doth appoint John Chase and Clark Purinton to take an opportunity with him, and Labours with him on that Account; and Report to our next monthly meeting — The Representatives from Each Preparative meeting, informs, that they have received a Coppy of a Minute according to their meeting Directions

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Swansey the 4th of the first Mo. 1790 The Representatives from the Preparative meetings as by their accounts appear are for Swansey Thomas Earl & Moses Buffinton for Freetown William Boyce & Stephen Earl, who being called are all Present — Moses Buffinton Informs this meeting that he hath not Read the Testimony of Denial against Richard Eddy, who is still Continued to Read said Denial and make report thereof when Read —

The Case of William Robinson is Refer'd to next monthly meeting, on Receiving an Information from him, that he hath some prospect of Settling matters before our Next monthly meeting —

the Committee that was appointed in the Case of Asa Hathaway Reported that they have not had a Suitable opportunity with him, Whereupon they are Continued for that Service, who are desired to make report thereof to our next monthly meeting —

the Queries was read in this meeting and Answers prepaird to them, which is sent to our next Quarterly meeting, with the accounts by the our Representatives, who are Daniel Brayton Benjamin Slead & Edward Shove

The Epistle from the yearly meeting of Friends held in London in the Sixth month 1789 was read in this meeting to good satisfaction

The Freetown preparative meeting informs this that Aaron Davis jun.r presented a paper of condemnation to that meeting, condemning his attending a place of Publick resort and assisting in Choosing military affairs, and striking one of his fellow Creatures; whereupon this meeting doth appoint Moses Buffinton and Jonathan Chase 2d to take an opportunity with him, to discover the sincerity of his mind respecting his condemning his misconduct aforesaid, and report to ~~our~~ next Monthly meeting

Our Friend Isaac Everitt, attended this meeting, and Produced a Certificate from the Monthly meeting of Menallen & Huntington in York County Pennsylvania bearing date the 11th of the 5th Mo.th 1789 with the concurrence of Warrington Quarterly meeting in Pipecreek bearing date the 8th of the 6th Mo.th 1789 Which was read in this meeting to good satisfaction; Swansey Preparative meeting represents that Cromwell Chase proposes to offer his Intention of Marriage with Phebe Robinson Jun.r at this time who accordingly appeared, and declared the same, and they are desired to wait untill next Monthly meeting Abram Anthony and Clark Purrinton jun.r and John Chase are appointed to make the necessary inquiry respecting the Clearness of Marriage &c of the s.d Cromwell and report thereof to our next monthly meeting

The Representatives from Swansey Preparative meeting inform this meeting that Benjamin Slead has thoughts of making a visit as far as Saratoga in order to see his friends; these may Certify on his behalf that he is a member of our meeting and that we Approve of his Intended visit and the Clerk is directed to furnish him a coppy of this minute

This meeting was also Informed that Stephen Chase has thoughts of making a visit as far as Saratoga in order to see his friends; these may Certify on his behalf that he is a member of our meeting, and that we approve of his s.d visit and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a coppy of this minute

The Friends appointed some time past in order to Procure Subscriptions for Reprinting the Bible make the following report Daniel Chase Jun.r Samuel Slead, Nathan Chase, Benjamin Slead, John Robinson, Benjamin Buffinton have subscribed for Each of them a Bible according to the Proposals prepared by our meeting for Sufferings

To the monthly meeting of Friends
at Swansey 2 of 7th Mo.th 1789

Reuben Chase
Benjamin Slead

Troy/Freetown Preparative meeting in their account also inform that George Shove Subscribes for two Bibles Elkanah Shove for three Bibles, Edward Shove Subscribes for one Book Lately promoted Adonijah Upton one Asa Shove one Nathan Chase one Thereupon John Chase is appointed to take sd Money and forward the same to our meeting for Suffering, John Chase informs that he forwarded the advance Money for reprinting the Bibles agreeable to the meeting direction also produced a receipt from one of the Members of said meeting which is as follows Viz Providence 12th of the 12th Mo 1789 — Received of John Chase the advance pay for Subscriptions for eight Bibles which I am account for according to the Subscription papers, of Isaac Collins, 1 Dollar for Swanzey Meeting — 7th of the 1st Mo received also two more N B 3 Mo the 17th Received one Dollar me Moses Brown

for N B

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Swanzey the 1st of the 2d Mo 1790 — the meeting being assembled & the accounts from the Preparative meeting presented the Representatives therein named are for Swanzey Benjamin Earl & Nathan Chase for Freetown Adonijah Upton & John Boyce who being called are all Present Viz Moses Buffinton Informed this meeting that he hath read the testimony of denial against Richard Eddy agreeable to appointment, which appears to satisfaction —

The Case of William Robinson is again Continued on Receiving a few lines from him requesting that his Case may be refered to another month

The Committee appointed to Labour with Abner Chase on account of Leaving his master in a Clandestine manner made the following report, which this meeting Accepts Viz

We your Committee in the Case of Abner Chase Represented by Salem monthly meeting have had an Opportunity with him on that Account, and he appears not sensible of the Inconsistancy of his Conduct, in Leaving his Master, Set forth in sd representation & Consequently not in a Disposition of mind to make said meeting Satisfaction

Moses Buffinton
Rueben Chase
John Chase

Whereupon this meeting doth put him from under the care of friends untill he comes to a sence of his misconduct and makes satisfaction — and the Clerk is directed to forward a Copy of this minute to Salem monthly Meeting

The Friends that was appointed to Labour with Asa Hathaway Reports Which not being to the Satissfaction of this meeting, they are again Continued for the same Service and, Benjamin Stead is added to them who are desired to Report to our next monthly meeting the disposition of his mind

The Representatives appointed, at our Last monthly meeting, to attend the Quarterly meeting Informd that they all attended said meeting

The Friends Appointed to take an opportunity with Aaron Davis Junr Reported that they attended to that matter, but not being able at this time to make a general Report, they are continued for further Labour with him, and desired to make report thereof to our next monthly meeting how they find the State of his mind

Grinnell Chase and Phebe Robinson Junr Appeared in this meeting and Continued their Intention of takeing each other in marriage there not Appearing any Obstruction they are left to Consumate their marriage in a decent manner takeing the advise of the Friends Appointed to attend their marriage who are John Chase, and Clark Purinton Junr who are desired to make Report thereof to our next monthly meeting

The Clerk Informd this meeting that he furnished Benjamin Stead and Stephen Chase, with a Coppy of the minutes made for them, at our last monthly meeting which now being Returnd to this meeting

Swansey Preparative meeting in their Account Inform that James Chase 2d having so far Countenanced a disorderly marrige, by having the same Solemnized at his House also by giving way to passion Spoke unadvisedly, for which misconduct he hath been Labourd with and likewise Informd said James Chase presented a paper Condemning his said misconduct whereupon this meeting doth Appoint Benjamin Stead 2nd Moses Buffinton and Theophilus Shove Junr to take an opportunity with him, to discover the Sincerity of his mind, Respecting his Condemning his said misconduct

This Meeting hath Raised two pound and Seven Shillings for the Yearly meeting Stock, and John Chase is appointed to Receive said money, and send it to the Yearly meeting treasurer as soon as may be with Conveneency and make report thereof to our next monthly meeting

3/1790 At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Swansey the first Day of 3d Mo 1790 The accounts from the Preparative meeting, Being presented the Representatives therein named are for Swansey Thomas Earl & Reuben Chase for Freetown William Boyce & George Shove who being called are all Present

The Case of William Robinson is again Continued to our next Monthly meeting

The Clerk Informd this meeting that he hath not had an oppertunity to inform Salem Monthly meeting of this meeting proceeding against Eben Chase, he is therefore Continued for the same service and to make report thereof to our next monthly meeting

The Committee appointed in the Case of Asa Hathaway made Report that they had given some attention to that matter and Likewise request that the matter may be Continued another monthly meeting, which is accordingly, they are then desired to make Report, how they find the State of his mind

One of the Committee that was Continued in the Case of Aaron Davis Jur. Informd this meeting, they had not had an oppertunity with him by Reason of Sickness, since our Last monthly meeting, therefore, they are again Continued for the same Service who are desired to make report thereof to our next Monthly meeting

The Friends that was appointed to oversee the marriage of Crummel Chase and Phebe Robinson Junr. informd that said marriage was decently Consumated

The Committee appointed to take an oppertunity with James Chase 2d report, that they have had an oppertunity with him, and that he appears in a good degree Sensible of his misconduct, whereupon this meeting doth receive his paper Condemning his misconduct for Satisfaction

John Chase informed this meeting, that he had not had an oppertunity to send the money that was raised, for the yearly meeting Stock to the treasurer thereof, he is therefore continued for the same service and to make report thereof to our next Monthly meeting

Swansey preparative meeting presented the following Representation to this meeting (To the Preparative meeting of Friends held at Swansey the 2d of the 2d Month 1790 — Whereas Joshua Eddy So far Gave way to Passion as to Cause a reproach to be brought upon our religious Profession by offering Violence to his brother, also by Profane Swearing for which reproachful Conduct he hath been Labour with

John Chase
Daniel Brayton

Whereupon this meeting doth appoint Jonathan Chase Clark Purinton, Rueben Chase and Caleb Earl 2d to take an oppertunity with him and Labour to bring him to a sence of his misconduct and make report thereof to our next monthly meeting, how they find the State of his mind

Freetown Preparative Meeting in their accounts Inform that Azariah Shove, Proposes to lay his Intention of marriage, before this Meeting, with Sabrina Andrews, they accordingly appeared and Declared their intention of takeing each other in marriage, which this meeting takes notice of, and appoint Adonijah Upton and Zacchues Hathaway, to inquire into his Clearness of Marriage, & Report thereof to our next Monthly meeting

The Clerk of the Quarterly meeting, represented to this, that our proportion of the £40 agreed to be raised by s^d Quarterly meeting is £ 5. 6 - 1 which this meeting direct to be sent down to the several preparative meeting By the Clerk for Subscribtion

4/1790 At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at ~~Somerset~~ for Swansey the 5^th of the 4^th Mo^th 1790 The accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are, for Swansey Caleb Earl, & John Chase, for Freetown Edward Shove, & William Boyce, who being called are all present

The Case of William Robinson Coming under Consideration of this meeting and there not appearing any Incouragement, of his ~~appearing to~~ makeing Friends Satisfaction he is therefore put from under there Care of Friends untill he returns and settle his outward Affairs to the Satisfaction of Friends and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Coppy of this minute

The Clerk Informed this meeting, he hath forwarded to Salem Monthly meeting, the proceeding of this against Ebenezer Chase agreeable to Direction

The Case of Asa Hathaway is Continued to our next monthly meeting agreeable to the Desire of the Committee appointed, to Labour with him, they are then desired to report, at our next monthly meeting

The Committee appointed to take an opportunity with Aaron Davis Jun^r made the following report - to the monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swanzey the 5^th of the 4^th Mo^th 1790 We your ~~have attended~~ attended to the matter respecting Aaron Davis Jun^r and it is our Opinion, that he is not a Suitable mind to make Friends Satisfaction.

Jonathan Sheape
Moses Buffinton

Whereupon this meeting doth put him from under the Care of Friends and doth appoint Reuben Chase & Benjamin Sheap to draw a testimony of denial against him, and bring it to our Next Monthly meeting

The Committee appointed to Labour with Joshua Eddy made Report that they had given attention to that matter, but for some reason think it not best to report this month, they are continued for the aforesaid to make report to our next monthly meeting

Azariah Shove and Sabrina Andrews appeared in this meeting, and Continued their Intentions of takeing each other in marriage, there not appearing any thing to hinder their said Intention, they are Left to Consummate their marriage, in a decent manner, takeing the advise of the overseers, appointed in that Case who are George Shove and Adonijah Upton who are appointed to see said marriage decently Consummated, and report thereof to our next monthly Meeting

The Queries and Answers to them was read in this meeting and Sent with the Accounts, to our next Quarterly meeting, by our representatives Who are Adonijah Upton and John Chase

This meeting Received a Certificate, on behalf of Clark Chase, from Acoaxet Monthly meeting Directed to this Signifying that he is a member of our Society, and that he is placed out as an apprentice to a Friend within the Verge of this meeting which is Accepted

our Overseers exhibited the following representation to this meeting (Viz) To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swansey the 5th of the 4th Mo. 1790

Respected Friends Oliver Earl hath almost Wholly neglected the attendance of our Religious meeting; also by Information Received, we Understand, that he hath Caused a reproach to be brought upon our Religious Profession by Gameing & taking too freely of Spirituous Liquors for which reproachfull Conduct he hath been Laboured with

Daniel Brayton
Benjamin Buffinton 4th

Whereupon this meeting doth appoint Benjamin Slead and Clark Purinton a Committee to Labour with him for his recovery, and report to our next monthly meeting how they they find the Disposition of his mind

John Chase Inform this meeting that he hath not settled with yearly meetings Treasurer by Reason that Some of the Money fell Short, he is Still Continued, for that Service who is desired to make report thereof to our next monthly meeting

Freetown Preparative Meeting, Sent up to this meeting the sum of £1..6..7 Which this meeting directs John Chase to forward the same to the Quarterly meeting Treasurer

Daniel Brayton Informed this meeting that his appointment as an Overseer was up, together with Benjamin Buffinton the 4th Nathan Chase and Edward Slade and Adonijah Upton this meeting after deliberation upon the Subject, Do Continue them as Overseers for the Year Insuring

The Clerk Informed this Meeting that he hath Informed the Several Preparative meetings of the sum of money, that was proportioned by our Last Quarterly Meeting, for this meeting, to Raise for the Quarterly Meeting Stock ~~to~~ agreeable to Direction

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 3 day of the 5th Mo. 1790 — The Repreſentatives from the Preparative meetings, as by their accounts appear, are, for Swanſey Stephen Mead, & Nathan Chaſe, for Freetown Daniel Purinton, & Adonijah Upton, who being called, are all Preſent —

Daniel Brayton Informed this meeting, that he hath not Informed William Robinſon of the proceedings of this meeting againſt him by Reaſon of not having an opportunity, he is continued for that Service and to Report to our next monthly meeting —

The Caſe of Aſa Hathaway is continued to our next monthly meeting, by reaſon, the committee hath not had an opportunity with him, ſince Laſt month they are again continued, for that Service, and are Deſired to make Report thereof to our next monthly Meeting ——

The Committee Appointed, to draw a testimony of Denial againſt Aaron Davis, Junr. preſented one, to this meeting, which being approved Of was Signed by the Clerk and Adonijah Upton, is appointed to read Said Denial at a publick meeting at Freetown ——

The Caſe of Joſhua Eddy is again Continued to our next monthly meeting, and the Committee appointed in that Caſe are Deſired to Continue their Labour with him, and Report thereof to our next monthly meeting. ——

The Friends appointed to See marriage of Azariah Shove and Sabrina Andrews decently conſummated, report, that they both attended Said marriage and not any thing Appeared but Said marriage was decent conſummated or

The Friends appointed to Attend our laſt Quarterly Meeting Informed this, that they both Attended agreeable to appointment ——

The Committee Appointed to Labour with Amos Tart Report that he did not Appear in a Suitable frame of mind to make Satisfaction for his miſconduct, he is therefore put from under the care of this meeting and Daniel Brayton and Moſes Buffinton, are appointed to Draw a Teſtimony of denial againſt him, and bring it to our next monthly meeting

John Chaſe preſented a Receipt from the Treaſurer of the yearly meeting in full of his Receiving this Meetings proportion for the yearly meetings Stock which was £2 - 17

Likewiſe a receipt from the Quarterly meetings Treaſurer Of his Receiving of this meeting the Sum of £1 - 6 - 7 in Part of our proportion for the Quarterly meeting Stock ——

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 7th of the 6th Mo 1790 — The Representatives from the Preparative meetings as by their accounts appear are for Swansey William Lawton & Daniel Brayton ~~for Freetown~~ George Shove & Asa Shove, who being called are all Present —

Daniel Brayton Inform'd this meeting that he hath serv'd the proceedings of this meeting against William Robinson unto him ——

The committee that was continued in the case of Asa Hathaway Inform'd this meeting that notwithstanding they have attended to that matter they were not in a capacity to make a full report at this time. They are therefore continued for a further Labour with him, who are desired to report to next monthly meeting —

Benjamin Upton Inform'd this meeting that he hath Read the testimony of Denial of Aaron Davis Junr agreeable to appointment ——

The case of Joshua Eddy is again continued and the committee are desired to continue their Labour with him, and make report thereof to our next monthly meeting —

The Committee appointed to Draw a testimony of Denial of Oliver Earl, Presented one to this meeting which is approved of and Seigned by the Clerk, and Moses Buffinton is appointed to Read said Denial at a suitable time, and make report thereof to our next monthly meeting ——

Swansey Preparative meeting by their Representatives Inform'd that Some Friends of that Meeting requested that a meeting be held at Benjamin Buffinton's son of Moses, to meet at the third hour in the after noon the third first Day of this month, and Moses Buffinton's the fourth first Day at the same time of the Day which the meeting concurs with and Moses Buffinton Benjamin Slead and Caleb Earl are appointed to have the care of said meetings and report their prospect to our next monthly meeting, of said meeting being continued

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 5th of the 7th Mo 1790 — the accounts from the preparative meetings being presented, the Representatives therein Named are for Swansey Daniel Chase Junr & John Chase for Freetown Zacheus Hathaway & Azariah Shove, who being called, are all present ——

The Committee appointed in the case of Asa Hathaway not being in a capacity to make a report, they are continued, to further service with him and are desired to make report thereof to our next monthly Meeting

The committee appointed to Labour with Joshua Eddy, Inform'd this meeting that by reason of not haveing an oppertunity with him they are not in a capacity to make Report they are still continued, and are desired to make re to our Next Monthly meeting

Moses Buffinton Inform'd this meeting, that he hath Read the testimony of denial of Oliver Earl agreeable to appointment

The committee appointed to have the care of the meetings, appointed to be held at Benjamin Buffinton son of Moses, and Moses Buffinton, Inform'd this meeting, that said meeting were held to satisfaction upon this meeting doth continue said meeting with the addition of a Meeting to be held at Moses Buffintons the Second first day in the Present month, and said Committee is continued to have the care of said Meetings and to report their prospect of the State of said meetings as well as the continuance of them, & Report thereof to next Monthly meeting

This meeting doth discontinue Asa Shove and Zaccheus Hathaway from the place of overseers of the poor, by their request and appoint George Shove and Azariah Shove in their places to have the care of the ~~poor~~ same

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 2d of the 8th Mo 1790 The accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein Named are as follows Benjamin Slead & Theophilus Shove Junr for Freetown Adonijah Upton & William Boyce who being called are all Present

Daniel Brayton Inform'd this meeting that his time of appointment as Clerk is out, upon which this meeting doth appoint Caleb Earl Nathan Chase and George Shove, to consider of some suitable friend for that service and report thereof to our next Monthly meeting and he is appointed Clerk for the Present day

Our Friend Hugh Judge attended this meeting with a Certificate from the Monthly meeting of Friends in Willmington New Castle County on Delaware Dated the 13th of 1st Mo 1790 with an Indorsement from the Quarterly meeting of Friends held at Concord in Delaware County Pennsylvania the 8th of the 2 Mo 1790 which was read in this Meeting to good satisfaction, and his Labours of Love were to ~~our~~ general Edification & Comfort

our Friend James Mott attended this Meeting with a Minute from the Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Mamaroneck the 10th of 6th Mo 1790 which was read in this Meeting to good satisfaction

The State of Taunton meeting comming weightily under the consideration of this meeting, thereupon this meeting doth appoint Benjamin Slead & Daniel Brayton to join a committee appointed to visit said meeting and to make report thereof to our next monthly Meeting, their prospect of the particular State of that meeting

1790

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 6th of the 9th Mth 1790 — The Representatives from the Preparative meeting as by their accounts appear are for Swansey Clark Purinton Junr & Thomas Earl, for Freetown John Boyce & George Shove who being called are all Present —

The Committee that was appointed to consider of a suitable person for a Clerk for this meeting the ensuing year report that they have had an opportunity with Daniel Brayton on that account who consents to stand as Clerk, who is appointed accordingly —

Elizabeth Drinker attended this meeting with a Certificate Dated from the monthly meeting of Friends held at Philadelphia, the 30th of the 4th month 1790 together with an Indorsement from the Quarterly meeting of Friends held at Philadelphia the 8th of the 5th Mth 1790 Which was read in this meeting, which together with her visit was to good satisfaction. — Hannah Yether attended this Meeting with a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Philadelphia for the Northern district the 25th day of the 5th Mth 1790 — which was read in this Meeting to Satisfaction

The Committee that was appointed to visit Taunton meeting, made the following report, which is accepted and is as followeth,

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swansey the 6th of the 9th Mth 1790

We of the Committee according to appointment have visited Taunton meeting and Respecting the particular State thereof, We are of the Judgement that sd meeting is not kept up to the Reputation of truth — Edward Shove
Adonijah Upton
John Chase
Benjamin Mead
Daniel Brayton

Upon which this meeting doth continue said ~~meeting~~ Committee to not only visit said Meeting, but the particular members thereof, and inform them that if there doth not appear a more living Ingagement to keep up their meeting, said meeting must be discontinued. Also to join a Committee of women Friends to visit said Meeting, and make report to our next Monthly meeting whether it is best to continue said meeting any Longer agreeable to the advice of our Last Quarterly Meeting

The Representatives appointed to attend our Last Quarterly Meeting, Inform'd that they all attended

An Epistle from the yearly meeting of Friends held at Philadelphia for Pennsylvania and New Jersey which was Read in this meeting to good Satisfaction — and an Extract of a minute from our yearly Meeting in respect to Signing Certificates for Ministering friends which was read in this meeting And one from the yearly meeting of Friends held at westbury on Long Island for New York the Reading of which is refer'd to our next monthly meeting

The Case of Asa Hathaway is again Continued, by Reason that all of s^d Committee have not had an opportunity with him, they are therefore Continued and are desired to make report to our next Monthly meeting

The Case of Joshua Eddy is again Continued, by reason that one of said Committee hath not been able to attend to said appointment, since last Monthly meeting they are again Continued and are desired to make report thereof to next Monthly meeting

The Committee appointed to Labour with George Shove Jun^r Inform'd that by reason he hath been absent, they have not had an opportunity with him, they are continued, and are desired to report to our next Monthly meeting

Swansey Preparative meeting presented the following information to this meeting; To the Preparative meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swansey the 2^d of the 9^th Mo^th 1790

Respected Friends James Chase of Somerset by giving way to Passion hath abused one of his fellow Creatures by Strikeing y^e Same Several times for which reproachfull Conduct he hath been Laboured with

Nathan Chase
Daniel Brayton
Benj^a Buffinton Son of Moses

upon which this meeting doth appoint Adonijah Upton & Theophilus Shove Jun^r and Benjamin Slade a Committee to Labour with him, for his recovery and make report, how they find State of his mind to our next Monthly meeting

Said Preparative meeting also Exhibited the following Complaint (No 3) Which is as follows, To the Preparative meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swansey the 2^d day of the 9^th Mo^th 1790

Respected Friends John Lewen, son of William hath for some time by a turbulent & unruly Spirit, rejected the advice of his Friends, also hath caused a reproach to be brought upon Society by bad Language, such as Swearing &c, who hath been Laboured with to no Effect

Nathan Chase
Daniel Brayton
Benja^n Buffinton Son of Moses

Whereupon this meeting doth put him from under the care of Friends, untill he by a Steady and Circumspect walking, Manifest a Sincere return & John Chase is appointed to Inform him thereof

The Representatives appointed to attend Last Quarterly meeting produced an Extract of an account to this meeting, to the amount of £1-0 for our yearly meeting Stock which is accepted, and the Clerk is directed to furnish each preparative meeting with a Coppy of that Minute also one by way of advice respecting the many defisiences amongst us, which was read in this meeting, to good Satisfaction

Swansey preparative meeting of the 9th month Last, presented an Information against Antipass Chase ~~hav~~ as followeth — to the Preparative meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swansey the [illegible] of the 9th Mo 1790. Respected Friends Antipass Chase hath disregarded a rule of Society by keeping company with a young woman not a Member in order for Marriage who hath been Laboured with to no Effect

Daniel Brayton
Benjamin Buffinton son of Moses

upon which this meeting doth appoint Benjamin Slade and George Shove to take an opportunity with him and Labour with him for his recovery and Report the State of his mind to our next Monthly Meeting

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 4th of the 10th Mo 1790 the Representatives from the Preparative meeting as by their accounts appears are for Swansey David Earl and Benjamin Buffinton son of Moses for Freetown Edward Shove & Daniel Purinton who being called are all Present

The Committee that was continued to Visit Taunton meeting as well as the particular members thereof Made report that notwithstanding their low Estate thereof there appeared Something of Life amongst them, upon which said meeting is continued untill the twelveth month next under the care of the same Committee, who are desired to make report to the Monthly meeting to be held in said Month

The Epistle from the Yearly meeting held at Westbury on Long Island not being present the Reading of which is refer'd to our next Monthly meeting

The Committee that was appointed to Labour with Asa Hathaway made the following report, which is accepted and is as followeth — We have Laboured with Asa Hathaway as much as we think Necessary and he doth not appear in a Suitable disposition of mind to make Friends Satisfaction

Clark Purinton
John Chase
Benjamin Slade

Whereupon this meeting doth discontinue him from being under the care of this meeting untill he through a Circumspect Life and Conversation manifest a sincere repentance and Nathan Chase is appointed to inform him thereof

The committee that was appointed to Labour with Joshua Eddy made the following report which is accepted and is as followeth — According to appointment & Continuance, we have had several opportunities with Joshua Eddy and he doth not appear in a suitable Dissposition or frame of Mind to make the meeting satisfaction, which we submit to the meeting

To Swansey monthly meeting
in the 10th Mo. 1790

Caleb Earl
Clark Purinton
Jonathan Chase
Rueben Chase

upon which this meeting doth disown him membership, and appoint Moses Buffinton and Theophilus Shove Junr to draw up a testimony of denial against him and bring it to our next Monthly meeting

The Committee that was appointed to Labour with George Shove Junr Inform that they are not prepared to make report this month they are continued for to still Labour with him and make report to our next Monthly meeting how they find the State of his mind

The Committee that was appointed to Labour with James Chase of Somerset Report that they have had an opportunity with him, notwithstanding said Committee are continued to further take a solid opportunity with him, and report thereof to our next monthly meeting

John Chase Informs this meeting that he hath not had an opportunity to Inform John Lewen of his being put from under the care of [illegible] He is still continued for that service and to make report thereof to our next Monthly meeting

The Clerk Informs this meeting that he not furnished Swansey Preparative Meeting with a Coppy of a Minute of this meeting proportion of the Yearly meeting Stock, But hath not had an opportunity to furnish Freetown preparative Meeting with one, he is continued for that service

one of the Friends appointed to Labour with Antipas Chase Informs that they have not had an opportunity with him they are continued to Labour with him, and make report thereof to our next monthly meeting, how they find the State of his mind

The Queries and answers to them was read in this meeting, and sent up to the Quarterly meeting, with the accounts by our Representatives, who are Benjamin Buffinton 2nd of Moses Benjamin Slead & Benjamin Buffinton who are Desired to report to our next Monthly Meeting

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 1st of the 11th Mth 1790 — the accounts from the Preparative Meeting being Presented the Representatives therein Named are for Swansey Jonathan Chase 2d & Clark Purinton, for Freetown Adonijah Upton & Asa Shove who being Called are all Present

The Epistle from the yearly meeting held at Westbury on Long Island in the 5th Month Last, was read in this meeting to good Satisfaction

Nathan Chase reported to this meeting that he hath not had an opportunity to Inform Asa Hathaway of being put from under the care of Friends, he is continued for that Service, and desired to report to our next monthly meeting

The Friends Appointed to Draw a testimony of denial against Joshua Eddy presented one, which this meeting Accepts, which is Refer'd to our next monthly meeting — and John Chase is appointed to Inform him of his Denial and his right of appeal

The Friends appointed to Labour with George Shove Junr Inform that they have not had an opportunity with him, by Reason of his being Absent, they are again Continued for that Service and are desired to report to our next Monthly Meeting

The Friends that was appointed to Labour with James Chase of Somerset, made the following report, which is Accepted, and is as followeth, Respected Friends we have had an opportunity with James Chase ~~of his not making the meeting~~ and he doth not appear in a Disposition to make satisfaction

To the monthly meeting of Friends
held for Swansey the 1st of the 11th Mth 1790

Theophilus Shove Junr
Adonijah Upton
Benjamin Slead

upon Which this meeting doth disown unity with him, and Benjamin Buffinton Clark Purinton and George Shove are appointed to Inform him thereof, and also his Right of appeal and also, to Draw a testimony of Denial against him and Bring to our next monthly meeting

John Chase reported ~~of this meeting~~, that he hath not had an opportunity, to Inform John Lewin of his denial, he is still Continued for that Service, and desired to report to our next monthly meeting

Benjamin Buffinton with whom the care of the Case of Samuel Baker 2d was left with at the monthly meeting of the 1st month 1789, who Informs that there ~~doth~~ doth not appear any proof of his Sincerity in Condemning his misconduct, Which Likewise appearing to this meeting, he is therefore put from under ~~their~~ the care of this meeting, untill he through a Circumspect Life and Conversation manifest a Sincere return, and Benjamin Slead is appointed to Inform him thereof and also his right of appeal

The Clerk inform'd that he hath furnished the preparative meeting of Freetown this meetings proportion of the Yearly meetings Stock

The Friends appointed to Labour with Antipas Chase, report, that they have had an opportunity with him, which proving not alltogether Satisfactory, they are Still continued to further treat with him, and report thereof to our next monthly meeting

Freetown preparative meeting in there Accounts, Inform that Stephen Earl, request a Removal Certificate from this, to the monthly meeting of Friends at the Crick in Ninepartners and George Shove and Adonijah Upton are appointed to draw one and bring to our next monthly meeting If Nothing appear to obstruct — The Representatives appointed to attend our Last Quarterly meeting inform'd that they all attend and Produced an Epistle from the Yearly meeting in London, also one from our Yearly meeting held at Newport on Rhode Island which was read in this meeting to satisfaction

Our Women Friends presented a testimony of Denial against Sarah Buffinton, and Moses Buffinton is appointed to read said Denial, at the Close of a meeting for Worship at this House at a Suitable time

12/1790 Tha Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 6th of the 12th Mo 1790 — the Accounts from the Preparative Meetings being presented the Representatives therein Named, are for Swansey William Lawton, & Nathan Chase, for Freetown Azariah Shove & John Boyce who being called are all present, except Azariah Shove, whose absence is thro Indisposition of Body

Nathan Chase reported to this meeting, that Asa Hathaway hath been Inform'd of his being disowned, unity with Friends Which appeared Satisfactory to this meeting

John Chase Inform'd this meeting, that he hath Inform'd Joshua Eddy, of his being put from under the Care of this Meeting; and a testimony of denial being presented to this meeting which was approved and Seign'd by the Clerk, and Moses Buffinton is appointed to Read Said denial, at this House at a Suitable time — and the Clerk is also appointed to furnish him with a Coppy of his denial agreeable to Discipline

The friends that was appointed to Labour with George Shove jun.r Inform'd this meeting, that they have not had an opportunity with him, by Reason of his being Still Absent, they are again Continued to have Care of that matter, to report to our next monthly Meeting

George Shove and Benjamin Buffinton Inform'd this meeting, that they have Inform'd James Chase of Somerset of his being put from under the Care of Friends, but have not Drawn a testimony of his Denial, and gave satisfactory reason therefore, said friends are Continued to have the Care of that matter, and to report to next our monthly meeting

John Chase Inform'd this meeting, that he hath forwarded a letter to John Lowen Jun^r. of his being put from under the Care of this meeting, which appeared satisfactory

Benjamin Slead reported to this meeting that he hath Inform'd Samuel Baker 2^d of his being put from under the Care of this meeting which appear'd satisfactory to this meeting

The Friends that was Continued to Labour with Antipass Chase, report that they have not had an opportunity with him since our Last monthly meeting — They are again Continued for that Service and are desired to report to our next monthly meeting

The Friends appointed to Draw a Removal Certificate on behalf of Stephen Earl, presented one to this meeting which being approved of was signed by the Clerk and Adonijah Upton is appointed to forward said Certificate to the Monthly meeting it was Directed to

Moses Buffinton Inform'd this meeting that he hath not Read the Testimony of Sarah Buffinton's Denial, he is Continued for that Service, and Desired to make report thereof to our next monthly meeting

The Friends that was Continued to Visit Taunton meeting report that they have not Visited said meeting since their last Continuance, therefore they are Continued as well as said meeting for that service, and to make report thereof to our next Monthly meeting

Freetown preparative meeting in their Accounts inform that Zaccheus Hathaway hath requested a Removal Certificate for himself and his sons Namely Adonijah, Zaccheus, James Edward & Samuel, Whereupon this meeting appoint George Shove and Adonijah Upton, to take the necessary Care in that Case, and if nothing appears to obstruct, to Draw said Certificate and bring it to our next Monthly meeting

Freetown preparative meeting in their accounts Inform, that Daniel Purinton requested a Copy of a Minute to the Monthly meeting of Friends at Dover these therefore may Certify that he is a Member of our meeting, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Coppy of this minute

Swanzey Preparative meeting hath Raised £1-0-0 for the yearly meeting stock — also freetown preparative Meeting hath forwarded 7/6 makes out our Proportion for s^d meeting) John Chase is desired to forward said money, to the treasurer thereof & take receipt for the same

1/1791

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held in Somerset for Swanzey, the 3^d day of the first M^o 1791 — The accounts from Swanzey Preparative meeting being Presented, the Representatives therein Named, are, Samuel Earl & Clark Purinton Jun^r who being called & Samuel Earl not Present who sent a satisfactory reason, for his absence — No accounts from freetown Preparative meeting —

The friends that was appointed to have the care of the matter respecting Joshua Eddy, report that the same is not accomplished, they are therefore still continued for that service, & to report to our next Monthly meeting

The Friends that was continued in the Case of George Soule jun^r Report, that they have not had an oppertunity with him, since their last continuance, they are therefore, continued to have the Care of that matter, and are desired to Report to next Monthly meeting

The Case of James Chase of Somerset is Continued to our next monthly meeting, under the care of the same Friends, heretofore and to report, to our next monthly meeting

The Friends that was Continued in the Case of Antipass Chase Not being present, and no report from them, therefore they are continued to have the care of that matter, and Benjamin Buffinton is added to them, and are desired to report to our next monthly meeting

Moses Buffinton Inform'd this meeting that he hath not not Read the testemony of Denial of Sarah Buffinton, he is again Continued for that service, and desired to report to our next Monthly Meeting

The Continuance of Taunton meeting is refered, and Likewise the Committee appointed, in that Case

The Clerk Inform'd this meeting, that he hath furnish Daniel Purinton, with a Coppy of a Minute of this meeting agreeable to direction

The Friends that was appointed to draw a removeal Certificate for Zaccheus Hathaway, and his Sons not being present to make report, said matter is Refer'd

John Chase produced a Receipt from the treasurer of the Quarterly meeting of his Receiving 1£ 0 our proportion of the yearly meeting Stock

Swansey preparative meeting in their accounts inform that they have appointed John Chase and Daniel Chase Junr in the place of overseers of the poor which this meeting approves of from Swansey preparative meeting

The Queries and Answers to them was read in this meeting and sent up to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are John Chase & Jonathan Chase 2d who are desired to report

This Meeting is adjourned to close of the meeting of Worship on first Day Next

9th day of the first Mth 1791 Met by adjournment, the Representatives for Swansey are Clark Purrinton Junr & Samuel Earl also Freetown accounts being now Presented the Representatives therein Named are Adonijah Upton & George Shove, who being called are all present The Representatives from freetown Informs this meeting that thro the Extremity of the weather, & Indisposition of body Rendered them unable to attend our Last meeting which is Satisfactory

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 7th of the 2d Mth 1791 the Meeting being assembled, and the accounts from the Preparative meetings presented the Representatives therein Named are for Swansey, Theophilus Shove Junr and Stephen Slead, for Freetown George Shove & Edward Shove who being called are, all present, Except Theophilus Shove Jur who sent a satisfactory reason for his absence

The friends in Care of the matter Respecting Joshua Eddy reported, that they have Complyed with their appointment which appeared Satisfactory

The Committee in Care of the matter relative to George Shove Junr reported, that they have had an opportunity with him and think that a Continuation of that Matter would be Satisfactory to them, which is accordingly under their care they to report to next Monthly Meeting

The Case of James Chase of Somerset, is again Continued under the same friends Care, and to report to next monthly meeting

The friends in Care of the matter relative to Anthony Chase, reported, the Substance of which is that Considering the Circumstance of said Case since the Complaint was Exhibited against him. it may be safe to drop the Complaint. Which being Considered in this meeting, the same is dropt

& Moses Buffinton Inform'd this Meeting that he hath Read the Testimony of Denial in the Case of Sarah Buffinton agreeable to appointment

Several of the Committee in the Care of Taunton Meeting reported which is accepted & is as follows — To the monthly meeting of friends to be held at Somerset for Swansey the 7th of the 2d Mo 1791 &c, We of your Committee according to appointment, & Continuance, hath Several of us attended Taunton meeting, and we bleave that there is an Increasing care amongst some of them, to keep up that meeting

Caleb Earl
Stephen Slead
John Chase
Benjamin Slead

Whereupon said Meeting is Continued untill the fourth Month next, Except the first day before our Monthly meeting, & in said fourth Month under the Care of George Shove, Benjamin Buffinton, Benjamin Buffinton Son of Moses & Benjamin Slead, who are desired to report their Sence of the Continuance of said meeting to Report to said monthly meeting in the fourth 4th Month 1791

The Friends in Care of removal of Zaccheus Hathaway & family presented a Certificate for him and Children Which is approved of and Signed by the Clerk, and Adonijah Upton, is appointed to forward said Certificate to the Monthly meeting, to which it is directed and report to next Monthly meeting

The Representatives appointed to attend Last Quarterly meeting Inform, that they all attended

our Friend Preserved Brayton, with others that Live thereabouts, Requesting that a meeting of Worship be held at his house, Which being Considered one is Granted and to be held on the 2d & fourth first days of this and the Insureing Month under the Care of Moses Buffinton Jonathan Chase 2d & John Chase Who are desired to report thereof to the monthly meeting in the 4th Month next &c

The printed yearly meeting Epistle from London held in the year 1790 &c, was presented to this meeting and being read the Salutary advice therein Communicated was to our mutual Edification, and the Clerk is Directed to read the same at a close of a meeting for Worship, one of the Committee Long Since appointed in Care of friends, being Provided with Stills, Inform'd that there is a Considerable Neglect on that account, and desired some assistance in that account; and Jonathan Chase 2d is appointed to join said Committee in that Service, & report thereof to our next Monthly meeting

our Meeting house Windows being much broken to peaces and Need to be repaired &c, Nathan Chase Jonathan Chase 2d & Clark Purinton Junr are appointed to repair them and Bring their account to some futer Meeting

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 7th of the 3d Mth 1791 The accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented, the Representatives therein, Named are for Swanzey Caleb Earl & Clark Purinton, for Freetown John Boyce & Asa Shove, who being called are, all present.

The Committee appointed in the Case of George Shove Junr made the following report, which is approved of, and accepted and is as followeth, We your Committee in the Case of George Shove Junr have attended to that matter, & find that he hath since our appointment Married Contrary to the good order established in our Society, and have Labour'd to convince him of the Inconsistancy of his Conduct in them respects which appears not to have had the desir'd Effect, therefore not in a suitable Disposition of mind to make Satisfaction, Caleb Earl
To the monthly meeting of Friends to be held at | Moses Buffinton
Somerset for Swanzey the 7th of ye 3d Mth 1791

Whereupon this meeting doth disown Unity with him, untill there appears a disposition in him to Condemn his misconduct.

The Committee that was Appointed to Draw a testimony of Denial of James Chase of Somerset, presented one to this meeting, which is refer'd to our next monthly meeting for Consideration — the said James in that Case and presented a paper in order to Condemn his Misconduct, from him to this meeting — the Consideration of Which is also refer'd under the Care of Caleb Earl and Daniel Chase Junr and they to report their prospect of the State of his mind in making Satisfaction in that Case, to our next monthly meeting

The Friends that was appointed to forwarded the Certificate of Zacheus Hathaway & Family not being present are Continued for that Service

The Clerk Inform'd this meeting, that he hath read the Epistle from the yearly meeting of London of the year 1790 The Committee that was appointed and Continued in the Case of wills, are desir'd, to make report thereof to our next monthly meeting

Swanzey preparative meeting in their accounts Inform that Nathan Chase proposes to offer his Intention of Marriage to this meeting with Patience Anthony, who accordingly Appear'd in this meeting and Declar'd their Intention of takeing each other in marriage, who are desired to wait untill our next Monthly meeting for an Answer, and William Lawton & Reuben Chase are appointed to Inquire into his Clearness respecting marriage and make report thereof to our next Monthly Meeting

Freetown Preparative meeting in their Accounts Inform, that Daniel Purinton requested a removal Certificate to the monthly meeting of Friends at Dover whereupon this meeting doth appoint Edward [illegible] & William Boyce to prepare one and bring it to our next monthly meeting, if nothing appear to obstruct

4/ 1791

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 4th of the 4th Mo 1791 — The accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Swanzey John Robinson & Benjamin Buffinton, for Freetown Adonijah Upton George Shove, who being called are, all present

The Committee in the Care of James Chase of Somerset, presented the following report, which is accepted and is as followeth — We your Committee agreeable to appointment have had an opportunity with James Chase of Somerset and he appeared to us to be in a State of Indifferency and not in a Suitable Disposition to make the meeting satisfaction, Which We Submit to the Monthly meeting of Friends

To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swanzey the 4th of 4th mo 1791 — Caleb Earl, Daniel Chase Junr, Benjamin Head

and the Testamony of denial also in that Case being offered it is approved of and Signed by the Clerk and Moses Buffinton is appointed to read the Same at the Close of a meeting of Worship at Somerset, and report to next Monthly meeting

the Committee in the Care of Wills are again Continued, and report to next monthly meeting

The Friends appointed to See into the Clearness respecting Marriage of Nathan Chase, reported that nothing appeared to obstruct, And the Said Nathan Chase & Patience Whiting appeared & Continued their former Intention of Marrige, who are desired to Consumate the Same agreeable to the good order in our Society and Caleb Earl & Daniel Brayton are appointed to See Sd Marriage is decently Consumated, and report thereof to our next Monthly meeting

The Friends appointed to Draught a removal Certificate for Daniel Purinton, presented one directed to the Monthly meeting of Friends at Dover and Adonijah Upton is appointed to forward the Same and report to next Monthly meeting

The Friend in Care to forward the Certificate for Zacheus Hathaway not haveing had an opportunity to forward the Same he is again Continued for that Service and report to our next monthly meeting

The Friends in care of the meeting at Taunton reported which is accepted and is as follows — We your Committee agreeable to appointment have attended the Meeting at Taunton, and have had to Consider the State of that meeting and also them that attend that meeting, and we believe it may be Safe to Continue that meeting, for the present under the care of a Committee) Which we Submit to the meeting)

Bethany Buffn, Hannah Earl, Mary Upton | Benjn Buffn, George Shove, Benjamin Head

And Said Meeting is Continued as at Last Continuance accordingly under the Same friends Care untill the 7th Mo next they then to report thereof

The friends in Care of the Meeting at Preserved Braytons reported that the Same hath been kept up to a good degree of Satisffaction, they also Informs that the friends, that attend Said Meeting, are desirous, that one may be Continued once a month the two following months, which is accordingly under the Same friends Care, and to be held the 3 first day in each month, Said friends to report thereof at the 6th Mo next

The Queries and Answers from the preparative meetings being read from which General answers are agreed to and sent up with an account by the representatives, who are Adonijah Upton & Daniel Brayton & John Chase

The Preparative meeting of Swansey exhibited the following Complaint which is accepted and is as follows

To the Preparative meeting of friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 31st of the 3 Month 1797 Esteemed Friends, Daniel Baker Son of Jonathan Baker having a right in Society hath brought a reproach Upon our Religious Profession by Committing Fornication according to his own Acknowledgment, also by bad Language, Such as Swearing &c who hath been Laboured with

Nathan Chase
Daniel Brayton
Benjamin Buffinton Son of Mos

Whereupon Jonathan Chase 2d & Rueben Chase are appointed to treat with him in them respects and represent the State of his mind to our next Monthly meeting

It appearing to this meeting that the time of the overseers Appointment is expired thereupon Each Preparative meeting, are desired to nominate Some Suitable friends to that Station, and represent their Names to our next mothly Meeting and the Clerk is directed to furnish Each Said Preparative Meeting with a Coppy of this Minute

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 3d day of the [illegible]th Mo 1790 — The Representatives from the Preparative meetings as by their accounts appear are for Swanzey Stephen Mead & Nathan Chase for Freetown Daniel Purinton & Adonijah Upton who being called are all present

Daniel Brayton Informed this meeting that he hath not informed William Robinson of the proceedings of this meeting against him by reason of not having an opportunity, he is continued for that service and to Report to our next monthly meeting

The Case of Asa Hathaway is Continued hath had an opportunity with him since last month they are again Continued for that service and are desired to make report thereof to our next monthly meeting

the Committee appointed to Draw a Testimony of Denial against Aaron Davis junr presented one to this meeting which being approved of was signed by the Clerk, Signd
Adonijah Upton

5/1791 At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 2d of the [illegible]th Mo 1791 — the Representatives from the Preparative meeting as by their accounts appear are for Swanzey David Chase & Benjamin Buffinton son of Joseph for Freetown Abel Shove & Azariah Shove who being called are all present

The Friend that was appointed to read the testimony of Denial of James Chase not being present to make any report he is again continued for that service

The Committee that was appointed in the case of Hills not being prepared to make any Report they are continued for that service and are desired to make a Report to our next monthly meeting

Daniel Brayton Informed this meeting that he attended the marriage of Nathan Chase and Patience Anthony which appeared to be decently Consumated

The Friend that was appointed to forward Zaccheus Anthony Certificate informs this meeting that he hath not had an opportunity to forward said Certificate, he is again Continued for that Service

The Friends that was appointed to Labour with Daniel Bo report that they have not had an opportunity with him they are continued for that service and are Desired to make report thereof to our next Monthly Meeting

It appears that the Certificate in behalf of Daniel Purinton is not forward to the monthly meeting of Dartmouth Adonijah Upton is Continued for that purpose and to make report to our next Monthly Meeting

The Friends Appointed to Represent our Last, to attend the Quarterly meeting Informed that they all attended, except John Chase who gave Satisfactory reason thereof

The Overseers Informed this meeting, that William Luther hath Married Contrary to the good order of Friends whereupon this meeting doth appoint Caleb Earl and Benjamin Buffinton, to take an opportunity with him and treat with him on that account and make report thereof to our next monthly meeting

Received a Removal Certificate from the monthly meeting of Friends of Rhode Island on behalf of Sarah Robinson, Wife of William, and her two Daughters Sarah & Mary and her Son Sylvester Which this meeting Accepts of

Our Women Friends Informed this meeting, that they were about Receiving Rose Eddy into Membership with us, which this meeting doth approve of

Received from the Meeting for Sufferings proposals for subscriptions for the History of Friends, by John Gough, and Piety promoted and the Bible upon which this meeting doth appoint John Chase & Benjamin Mead, to Receive subscriptions for each sort of Books and bring them to our next Monthly meeting

6 At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 6th of the 6th Mo 1791

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings as by their accounts appear are, for Swansey Nathan Chase & Daniel Brayton, for Freetown Edward Shove & George Shove who being Called are all present

Moses Buffinton Informed this meeting, that he hath Read the testimony of Denial of James Chase agreeable to appointment

The Committee that was appointed in the Case of Wills not having Completed their service they are Continued to further Labour in that Case and are desired to make report thereof to our next Monthly meeting

The Friends that was appointed to forward Zacheus Hathaway Certificate Informed that he hath not had an opportunity he is again Continued for that Service

The Committee that was appointed to Labour with Daniel Baker, Reported that they have had an opportunity with him and believe it might be usefull to Continue the matter ~~matter~~ another month which is Accordingly under the Care of said Committee they then to report

The Committee that was appointed to Labour with William Luther Inform'd, that they have had an opportunity with him, and that, said Luther Desires that Friends would wait another month with him, accordingly said matter is continued to our next monthly meeting under the care of said Committee, they then to report, state of his mind

The Friends that was appointed to forward Daniel Purinton Certificate, Inform'd that he hath not had an suitable opportunity to forward, said Certificate he is again continued to have the care of that matter, and desired to Report thereof to our next monthly meeting

The Friends that was appointed to have the care of the Meeting at Preserved Braytons, Report, that said meeting was held to good Satisffaction

Swansey Preparative meeting in their accounts of the 2 mo. last presented the following Information to this meeting

To the Preparative meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 3 day of the 2 Mo. 1791

Respected Friends, whereas John Chase 2d refuseth to pay a note of hand, due to Obadiah Chase according to Promise, who hath been Laboured with, from time to time to no Effect

Nathan Chase
Daniel Brayton
Benjamin Buffinton [illegible]

Which hath been Lodged in this meeting, & coming under Consideration, appoint Edward Chase & Adonijah Upton a Committee to take an opportunity with him, and Labour with him to discharge himself of said Obligation, agreeable to his Promise, and make Report thereof to our next monthly meeting

Swansey Preparative meeting in their accounts Inform'd, that they had Nominated Nathan Chase Daniel Brayton and Benjamin Buffinton son of Moses, to the place of overseers, which this meeting doth approve of. and also that David Chase doth propose to offer his intention of Marriage with Mary Chase, who accordingly appeared in this meeting with the said Mary signifying his Intention of marriage, they were desired to wait until our next meeting for an Answer, and do appoint Clark Purinton and Caleb Earl to Inquire into his clearness respecting marriage Report thereof to our next monthly meeting

This Meeting doth appoint Nathan Chase & Benjamin Buffinton a committee to settle with the Executor of our former treasurer Deceast and Make report thereof to our next monthly meeting, and also to propose some suitable person for a Treasurer

The overseers of the poor of Freetown preparative Meeting presented an account to this of £1-17-3 that they have advanced for the Poor which this meeting accepts of.

This meeting hath Agreed to Raise six Pounds to supply said Meeting Treasury, also recommend to Each Preparative meeting to Subscribe in freedom, and the Clerk is directed to forward a Copy of this minute to Each meeting & report to next Monthly meeting

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 4th of the 7th Mo 1791

The accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein Named are, for Swansey Silas Chase & John Chase, for Freetown John Boyce & Azariah Shove, who being called are all Present

The Committee that was Continued to Labour with those Friends, that Remain Neglectfull in Makeing their wills, Report that there still remains a Considerable omission in that Case whereupon this meeting doth Continue said Committee to further Labour and to report to the overseers the names of those persons that Continue to refuse the advice of Friends in that Case, and George Shove and Clark Purinton is added to said Committ. and make report thereof to our next monthly meeting

The Friends that was appointed to forward Zacheus Hathaway Certificate Reported that he hath forward said Certificate to place Directed.

The Committee that was Continued to Labour with Daniel Buner not being prepared to make report upon this meeting doth add Benjamin [illegible] to them and are desired to Continue their Labour with him and to make report thereof to our next monthly meeting, the state of his mind

The Committee that was continued to Labour with William Luther Report that they have had an opportunity with him, and said Committee are desired to Report their prospect to our next Monthly Meeting of his Makeing Friends Satisfaction

Adonijah Upton Informd this Meeting that he hath forwarded Daniel Purinton Certificate, to the Place Directed agreeable to appointment

The Friends that was appointed to Labour with John Cha Reported to this meeting, by which it appears that said matter is Settled

David Chase not appearing in this meeting to Continue his intention of Marriage by reason of Mary Chase the woman he hath made proposals with being Sick and said matter is Continued to next monthly meeting

The Friends that was appointed to settle accounts with the executors of our former treasurer, report, that there did not appear any thing unsettled also proposed Benjamin Slead to this meeting as treasurer, thereof for one year or untill another is appointed, which this meeting approve of

The Clerk Informd this meeting that he hath forwarded a Coppy of our Last monthly meeting conclusion of raising six pounds to Supply the treasury thereof agreeable to Direction

Freetown Preparative Meeting in their Accounts Informd this meeting that they had nominated Adonijah Upton and Edward Shove to the place of Overseers which this meeting doth approve of

And also said meeting informed that they were in want of a Stable at their meeting house whereupon this meeting doth appoint Clark Purinton jun^r Jonathan Chase & Asa Chase & George Shove a Committee to Consider of that matter and report their prospect thereof to our next Monthly Meeting

The Committee that was Continued in the fourth month Last that had the Care of Taunton meeting not being prepared to make Report they are again Continued who are desired to report to our next Monthly Meeting, and said meeting is Continued as at first Continuance

This meeting received the following Extract viz 4: is Concluded that the Line between Providence and Swansey monthly meeting begin at the mouth of Barington River, thence to Isaiah Hunts the to belong to Providence Monthly Meeting thence to Thomas the Inholders in Wrentham and from thence Swansey and Smithfield meeting be Divided by the Post Road to Boston untill it comes to Salem Quarter

That the Line Dividing Swansey and Rhode Island Monthly meeting, begin at the Mouth of Fall River and Continue up said River to Wattupper Ponds thence to the Narrows, between ~~to~~ said ponds hence by an East Course till it comes to Sandwich Quarter — It is Nevertheless concluded that those Friends, who do or may live in the Line and is not express where they belong, are to be at Liberty to chose their Meeting, and in case any Person should hereafter incline to request the Care of Friends in a Different Monthly meeting than these Lines express the Monthly Meeting applyd to may if nearer to them, than the other meetings accept such persons if they think Proper, but in Case any Doubt should arise in respect of the Distance or ~~[illegible]~~ convenience of such applying Persons, the two adjacent Monthly Meeting, are to Confer & Conclude as may appear and so also in Cases of Removal —

Extracted from the Minutes of our Quarterly Meeting held at East Greenwich the 7th of the 8th Mo 1791. By Benjamin Freeborn Clerk

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At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the first day of the 9th Month 1791

The Representatives from the Preparative meeting as by their accounts appear are for Swansey Jonathan Chase Jr & Nathan Chase for Freetown William Buffum & George Shove who being called are all Present —

The Committee that was Continued to Labour with those friends that are deficient in settleing their outward Estate, Report that their appears some prospect of Matters being better Accommodated than heretofore Notwithstanding said Committee is Continued to further Labour in that Case, and desired to make report thereof in the tenth month next

The Committee that was appointed to Labour with Daniel Baker made the following Report which this Meeting accepts of (Viz) We ~~your Committee~~ — We have had an opportunity with Daniel Baker and he does not appear to us, to be in a Suitable Disposition to make friends Satisfaction — Which we submit to the meeting

Jonathan Chase
Benjamin Slead
Reuben Chase

Thereupon this Meeting doth put him from under their Care until there appears in him a sincere return, and Theophilus Shove is appointed to Inform him thereof and also his right of appeal

The Committee that was appointed to Labour with William Luther for his Marrying out of the Unity of Friends Reported that there did not appear any prospect of his Making Friends Satisfaction whereupon this meeting doth disown Unity with him and appoint Nathan Chase & Moses Buffinton a Committee to Draw up a testimony of Denial against him and bring it to our Next monthly meeting

The Friends that was appointed to Inquire into the Clearness of David Chase, Respecting of Marriage reported that their appeared some Impediment in that Case in the family, whereupon George Shove is added to them who are desired to Labour in that matter as way may open and report thereof to our next Monthly meeting

The Friends that was appointed to Inspect into the Necessity of a Stable being Built at the Meeting House at Swansey, report that It appeared to them Needful that one should be built their, whereupon said preparative Meeting are Left at their Liberty to build one, and to bring their Accounts to this meeting if the Charge is to heavy for them

The Committee that was Continued to Visit Taunton Meeting made the following report, which this meeting Accepts of, and is as followeth — We your Committee agreeable to appointment have the most of us attended Taunton meeting and some of us several times and it appears to us under the present situation of the Members that attend that meeting, it is not to the reputation of Society to be held any Longer as heretofore

Notwithstanding we believe it may be safe and best that a meeting be appointed to be held there once in a month for two months under the care of a committee, and they to Visit and advise as way may open, in order that they may be reconciled thereto

Benjamin Buffinton
George Shove
Benjamin Slead
Benjamin Buffinton
Son of Moses

Hannah Earl
Bethany Buffinton
Mary Upton

Whereupon this Meeting doth appoint a Meeting to be held there the first first Day in this present month, and the third and on the third first day in the next month, under the care of Benjamin Buffinton Jonathan Chase 2d Adonijah Upton, Moses Buffinton Nathan Chase and Theophilus Shove Jun.r who are desired to attend said meeting, and to advise with the particular Members thereof as way may open and to report thereof to this meeting in the tenth Month next

Received a Certificate on behalf of Gideon Robinson from Rhode Island Monthly meeting which this meeting Accepts off

The Queries was Read and Answers prepared to them in this Meeting, which are Sent up with the accounts to our next Quarterly meeting by our Representatives, who are John Chase Edward Shove & Benjamin Slead

In Consequence of a Request of Preserved Brayton on behalf of himself and family and some others this meeting doth appoint a Meeting at his House to be Held

Swansey Preparative Meeting in their Account presented the following Information which this meeting Accepts of and is as followeth — To the Preparative meeting of friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 20th of 5th Mo 1784

Esteemed friends George Briggs having had his Education among friends hath by his disorderly conduct brought a Reproach upon Society by taking too freely of Spirituous liquors so as to be Intoxicated therewith several times, also by bad Language such as swearing &c. and leaving his Master in a Clandestine manner, for which disorderly conduct he hath been Laboured with

Nathan Chase
Daniel Brayton
Benjamin Buffinton

Whereupon this meeting doth appoint Benjamin Buffinton and Stephen Slead a Committee to Labour with him in order for his Recovery, and make Report thereof to our next Monthly Meeting

The Committee that had the care of a subscription, Respecting Books, report that David Brown Subscribes for one Obadiah Chase one, Jonathan Chase 2d one Eunice Brown one Nehemiah Hilton one Asa Chase one

Whereupon Benjamin Slead is Reminded to forward the Advance Money to Moses Brown, and Report thereof, to our next Monthly Meeting

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At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 5th of the 9th Mo 1791 — The accounts from the Preparative Meeting being presented, the Representatives therein named are for Swanzey Asa Chase & Job Anthony for Freetown Adonijah Upton & Edward Shove who being called are all present —

Theophilus Shove Juner Reported to this meeting that he hath Informed Daniel Baker of his being put from under the care of friends, and also his right of appeal from said Judgment

The Epistle from our Last Yearly meeting was read in this Meeting to Satisfaction, and also Some Conclutions of discipline, which is directed to be Entered on our Books of discipline under the head Marriage, and Caleb Earl & George Shove is appointed for that Servise, and report to our next monthly meeting

The Friends that was appointed to Draw a testimony of Denial of William Luther presented one Which is approved of and Signed By the Clerk and Daniel Brayton is appointed to read said Denial at their House at the Close of a meeting of Worship and make report thereof to our next Monthly meeting

The Case of David Chase is Refer'd to our next monthly meeting under the care of the former Committee who are desired to Continue their Labour as heretofore and make report thereof to our next Monthly Meeting

One of the Committee that was Appointed to Labour with George Briggs, reported that they have attended to that matter But Could not obtain an opportunity with him by reason of his keeping out of the way. Notwithstanding said Committee is Continued to Labour with him and report thereof to our next Monthly meeting

Swanzey Preparative meeting in their accounts presented the following Information (viz) to the Preparative meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 1st day of the 9th Mo 1791 — Esteemed Friends Ebenezar Luther having had his Education among Friends hath almost wholly Neglected the attendance of our Religious meetings, also attended a place of training, for which Disorderly Conduct he hath been Laboured with Nathan Chase
Daniel Brayton

upon which this meeting doth appoint Benjamin Buffinton Junr Clark Purinton and Benjamin Slead a Committee to Labour with him and make report thereof to our next Monthly Meeting how they find the State of his mind

Said Preparative Meeting Likewiſe preſented an Information that Antipaſ Chaſe hath married out of the Unity of Friends with one not of our Society and that he was timely precautioned, therefore this meeting doth deny Unity with him and ~~[illegible]~~ Daniel Chaſe Junr and Clark Purinton Junr are appointed to draw a teſtimony of denial, of his miſconduct and bring to our next monthly meeting

Freetown Preparative meeting in their accounts preſented an Information that James Law hath Requeſted to come under the care of Friends, who Likewiſe appeared in this Meeting and continued his requeſt upon which this meeting doth appoint Edward Shove Caleb Earl and Clark Purinton, to take a Solid opportunity with him, to diſcover the Sincerity of his requeſt and make report thereof to our next Monthly meeting

Likewiſe Said preparative meeting in their accounts Inform that the Subject of Moveing their meeting Houſe to a more Sential place coming under their conſideration upon which this meeting doth appoint Benjamin Slead Nathan Chaſe Jonathan Chaſe Aſa Chaſe and George Shove a committee to view the Situation of Said meeting and conſider the Several Circumſtance thereof and make report thereof & their proſpect of moveing Said houſe to our next Monthly meeting

Freetown Preparative meeting hath collected and Sent up to this Meeting £ - 7 - 9 which is directed to be delivered to the treaſurer hereof

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 3d Day of the 1st Mo. 1791

The accounts from the Preparative Meeting being preſent, the Repreſentatives therein named are for Swanſey Benjamin Slead and Benjamin Buffinton Son of Moſes, for Freetown George Shove & Hezekiah Upton, who being called are all preſent

The Committee that was Appointed to Record Some Concluſion; Received from the Yearly meeting in our Book of Diſcipline report that they have not fully finiſhed that Service they are continued for that Service and to report thereof to our next monthly meeting

Daniel Brayton Informs this meeting that he hath Read the Teſtimony of Denial of William Luther agreeable to appointment

The Committee that was appointed in the Case of David Chaſe reported they were not prepared to make a full report at this time they are again Continued for that Service and deſired to make report thereof to next monthly Meeting

The Committee that was Continued to Labour with George Briggs, make report that they attended to their appointment, notwithstanding said Committee is again Continued for further Labour with him and to report to our next Monthly meeting their proſpect his making Friends satisfaction —

The Committee that was appointed to Labour with with Eleazer Luther report that they have have had a Opportunity with him, and said Committee is Continued to further Labour with him and to make report thereof to our next monthly meeting as the state of his mind respecting his making Satisfaction —

The Committee that was appointed to Draw a testimony of denial of Antipas Chaſe presented one to this meeting which is approved of, and Daniel Brayton is appointed to read said Denial at the cloſe of a meeting for worship at said Houſe and report thereof to our next Monthly meeting

The Friends that was appointed to have an opportunity with James Law reſpecting his requeſting the care of Friends report that they have had an opportunity with him and that their proſpect be report to our next Monthly meeting —

Which is Accordingly refer'd under said friends care as —

The Committee that was appointed to view the situation of Freetown Meeting Houſe, made the following report which is accepted and is as followeth — Respected Friends we have attended to our appointment and think it may be more Convenient to have the Meeting Houſe moved near Azariah Shove's which we submit to the Meeting

Azariah Shove
Aſa Chase
Jonathan Chaſe 2d
Benjamin Slead
Nathan Chaſe
George Shove

Whereupon this meeting doth agree to lay it before the Quarterly meeting for their adviſe and Aſſiſtance Queries was read in this Meeting and answers prepared to them which are sent up to our Quarterly meeting with the accounts by our Representatives who are Edward Shove Benjamin Slead and Jonathan Chaſe 2d and they to report thereof to our next monthly meeting

Swanſey preparative meeting in their accounts presented the following Information — To the Preparative Meeting of Friends to be held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 25th of the 9th Month 1791

We your Committee appointed to Inquire into the ground of a Complaint exhibited against Samuel Slead by Richard Eddy find that in Conſequence of a Judgement of an Arbitration between them that there was a Cheſt due to the said Eddy from the said Samuel Slead which Eddy saith he hath made a Legal Demand for

Notwithstanding said Mead did withhold the Chest from him and Denied the Lawfulness of said Eddys Demand for the Chest said Eddy saith it is a Damage to him which Controversy said Mead refuses to leave to the Judgement of Arbitrators with him Theophilus Shove Junr

John Chase
Assa Chase
Daniel Chase Junr
Rueben Chase
Clark Purinton Junr

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Whereupon this meeting doth appoint Edward Shove George Shove and Adonijah Upton a Committee to Labour with him to discharge himself of the Complaint Exhibited against him, and make report to our next Monthly meeting

Said Preparative meeting presented the following Information
To the Preparative meeting at friends hill at Somerset for Swansey the 29th of 9th Mth 1791
Esteemed Friends Isaac Chase hath by his Irregular Conduct brought a reproach upon Society by Getting in a Passion & uttering unadvised Expressions also by Dress & address & keepeth Company with a young woman not of our Society whom hath been Laboured with to no Effect also Phillip Chase Son of David Chase hath shew Inattention to the Dictates of Truth Manifestted an Indifferency of Mind in respect to Habit & Deportment also for not paying a Note of Hand due to Benjamin Buffin who hath been Laboured with to no effect

Nathan Chase
Daniel Brayton
Benjamin Buffinton Son

Upon which this Meeting doth Appoint Clark Purinton Junr Daniel Chase Junr and Theophilus Shove Junr a Committee to Labour with them for their Recovery and make Report thereof to our next monthly meeting the State of their minds

Swansey preparative meeting in their Accounts Informed this That Job Chase proposed to offer his Intention of Marriage with Sibel Robinson who accordingly appeared and declared their said Intentions: who were desired to wait untill our next monthly meeting for an Answer and Stephen Mead and Asa Chase are appointed to Inquire into their Clearness Respecting of Marriage and to report thereof to our next Monthly meeting

The Committee appointed in the eighth month Last to have the Care of the Meeting at Taunton made the following report

To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swansey the 3d day of the 10th Mth 1791 — Dear Friends We of the Committee agreeable to appointment, have attended those Meetings agreed to be held at Taunton the Eighth month Last except, Wesr Buffinton, and some of us most of the Members, and some other Families that attend that Meeting and it appears to us that Notwithstanding the Languid State of that meeting there appears a considerable tenderness in divers there and a renewed Engagement that there meetings might be continued which we apprehend under the care of a committee may be usefull, which we submit to the monthly meeting

Signed by Theophilus Shove Junr
Patience Brayton
In behalf of the Committee

upon which this meeting doth agree that there be a Meeting held there The Second and fourth first Days in this and next month under the Care of the same committee and they to report to the Monthly meeting of the twelfth month next their prospect of the meeting —

The Treasurer of this meeting ordered to Deliver to the Representatives to the Quarterly meeting two pounds to be paid to the treasurer of the said Quarterly meeting, and to report thereof to our next monthly Meeting — Freetown preparative meeting in their account informs that they had collected two shillings & three pence which is ordered into the hands of our treasurer — Swansey Preparative Meeting in their account also Informs, that they have Raised two Pounds ten Shillings which is Ordered into the hands of our Treasurer

11/1791 At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 7th of the 11th Mth 1791 — The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings as by their accounts appear are for Swansey Jonathan Chase 2d Thomas Earl, for Freetown John Reyce & Azariah Shove, who being called are all present

The Committee that was appointed to Record some Conclusion of the year Meeting report, that they have accordingly recorded them

The Committee that was appointed to take an opportunity with James Law Concerning his requesting the Care of Friends report that his motives appeared Sincere who is received accordingly under this meeting care

The Case of David Chase is refered under the Care of the former Committee to our next Monthly meeting they then to Report

The Committee that was appointed to Labour with Eleazer Luther report that there did not appear any prospect of his making Friends Satisfaction, who Continues to Justify his former Practice upon which this meeting doth disown Unity with him and Daniel Brayton and Benjamin Buffinton are —

Appointed to Draw a Testimony of Denial against him and bring
it to our next Monthly meeting. Daniel Brayton Inform this
meeting that he hath read the Testimony of Denial of [illegible] Chase
Agreeable to appointment

The Representatives that was appointed to Attend the Quarterly
Meeting. Inform that they did all Attend and presented the
following account from said meeting, Swansey in their account
Informs that they have agreed with the Concurrence of the meeting
to remove Freetown meeting house, to a more Central Place
which is approved by this Meeting and they are at Liberty
to accomplish said Matter, as they may think best — The
Clerk is Directed to Furnish Sd. Meeting with a Coppy of
this Minute

A Coppy Extracted from the Minutes of a Quarterly Meeting
Held at Smithfield for Rhodeisland the 13 of the 11th Mo 1791

By Benjamin Freeborn Clerk

Upon which this meeting doth appoint George Shove Benjamin
Buffinton Edward Fish Moses Buffinton & Adonijah Upton
a Committee to proceed on said business, and make report when
it appears to them [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
meeting [illegible] said Business continuing

The Committee that was appointed to Labour with Isaac Chase
and Phillip Chase made report which this meeting accepts
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to the Monthly meeting of
Friends to be held the 7 of 11th Mo 1791

Agreeable to appointment we have had an opportunity
with Isaac & Phillip Chase, and we find them not in a
Disposition to make Friends Satisfaction, or any way
complying with Friends advice Theophilus Shove Jur
Clark Purinton Junr

Upon which this meeting doth disown unity with them
and put them from under this meeting care

Stephen Mead Inform this meeting that upon Inquiry
not any thing appears to hinder Job Chase proceeding
in Marriage who according appeared in this meeting with
Sibal Robinson and continue their former Intention
of marriage they are therefore left to Consumate their
said Intention of Marriage according to the good order
used among Friends, and Theophilus Shove Junr and
Jonathan Chase 2d are appointed to See said marriage
decently consumated and make report thereof
to our next Monthly Meeting

The Case of George Briggs is Continued to our next Monthly Meeting under the Care of the former Committee they then to report their proſpect of his Case

Swansey preparative Meeting in their Account preſented the following Information (—) To the Preparative meeting of Friends To be held at Somerſet for Swansey the 29th of 9th Month 1791 (—) Reſpected Friends Jonathan Slade Junr keepeth Company with a Young Woman not of our Society on account of Marriage we timely Precaution

Nathan Chaſe
Daniel Brayton
Benjamin Buffinton
Son of Moſes

The Conſideration of which is referd to our next monthly meeting

This Meeting doth agree to Raiſe Six pounds in order to to Supply our proportion of the Yearly and Quarterly meeting treaſury which for the Yearly meeting is two pounds Six Shillings and four pence for the Quarterly Six pounds and ten Shillings, and the Clerk is directed to furniſh Each Preparative meeting with a Coppy of this Minute in order for Subſcribtion

The Caſe of Samuel Slead is Referd to our next Monthly meeting under the Care of the Same Committee they than to Report

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At a Monthly Meeting

Of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 5th of the 12th Mo 1791 (—) The Accounts from the Preparative Meetings being Preſented, the Repreſentatives therein Named are for Swanſey Moſes Buffinton & Aſa Chaſe for Freetown George Shove & Edward Shove who being Called are all Preſent

The Committee that was appointed to Inquire into the Clearneſs of David Chaſe Reſpecting of Marriage, report that not any thing appears Sufficient to hinder his ſaid proceedings who Accordingly appeared in this Meeting with Mary Chaſe and declared their former Intention, and they left to Conſumate the Same, and Moſes Buffinton and Clark Purinton are appointed to See ſaid Marriage decently Conſumated, and Make Report thereof to our next Monthly meeting

The Committee that was appointed to Draw a teſtimony of Denial of Eleazer Luther preſented one to this meeting Which is approved of and Daniel Brayton is appointed to read ſaid teſtimony at the Cloſe of a meeting at this houſe and Make report thereof to our next Monthly Meeting

The Committee made Report to this meeting Reſpecting the Marriage of Job Chaſe, that it was decently conſumated

The Committee that was Continued in the caſe of George Briggs report, that he appeared in a diſpoſition to Condemn his Miſconduct, which this meeting accepts for Satiſfaction

The Conſideration of the matter reſpecting of Jonathan Stead Comming under the notice of this meeting and it appearing that he hath ſince married out of this Meeting upon which this meeting doth diſown unity with him, untill he through a Circumſpect Life manifeſt a ſincere return, reſpecting a teſtimony of Denial of ſaid Jonathan is referd to our next Monthly meeting

Daniel Brayton Informs this meeting that he hath forwarded a Coppy of the minute for Subſcription to Swanſey preparative meeting and is Continued to forward a Coppy to Freetown

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The Committee that was appointed to attend the Meeting appointed at Taunton made the following report which this meeting accept of and it is followeth. To the Monthly Meeting of Friends to be held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 5th of the 12th Mo 1791, — We have attended all thoſe meetings Appointed at Taunton except one all of us at Different times, except Nathan Chaſe, and they appeard to be orderly kept up and the Friends there and others, that frequent that meeting ſtill requeſt that they may have their Meeting Continued we think it may be continued till the fourth month next under the care of a Committee for further proof, that is all or every firſt days except that before each monthly meeting, which we Submit

Signed in behalf of the Committee by Benjamin Buffⁿ

upon which this meeting doth appoint Benjamin Buffinton ſon of Moſes Benjamin Buffinton Clark Purinton Caleb Earl & Obediah Upton — a Committee to viſit ſaid meeting accordingly & they to report in the fourth month next their proſpect of the State of that meeting

The Committee that was Continued to Labour with Samuel Stead made the following report which this Meeting Accepts of and is as followeth — To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 5th of the 12th Mo 1791, Agreeable to appointment we have had Several opportunity with Samuel Stead, and he Conſented to Diſcharge himſelf of the Complaint

Exhibited against him by Richard Eddy by submitting the Matter to Reference, but Sd Eddy hath not Complyed with it, by Reason of one of his Evidences being out of the way as he Saith, the Sufficiency of this Reason for the Continuance of the Matter we Submit to the Judgment of the Monthly meeting

George Shove
Adonijah Upton
Edward Shove

upon Which this meeting doth dismiss the Matter

Preserved Brayton Requested that there might be a Meeting appointed at his House once in a Month. Which this meeting doth agree to that there be held there a meeting the second first Day in each month untill the fourth month next, and John Chase and Jonathan Chase are appointed to have the Care of said meeting and make report thereof

Clark Purinton Junr Informed this Meeting that he had thoughts of makeing a Visit to some of his Relations within the Verge of Oblong monthly meeting which this meeting doth approve of and inform that he is a Member of our meeting & the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this Minute

1/1792

At a Monthly Meeting

of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 2d day of the 7th Mo 1792

The accounts from the Preparative meeting being Presented the Representatives therein Named are for Swansey Theophilus Shove Junr & Stephen Slead for Freetown Adonijah Upton & William Boyce who being Called are all Present

The Committee appointed to have the Care of Marriage of David Chase and Mary Chase made report that it was decently Consummated

Daniel Brayton made report to this meeting that he hath had read the testimony of Denial of Eleazer Luther agreeable to appointment

The Matter Respecting of Jonathan Slead Junr Coming under the Consideration of this meeting upon which this Meeting doth Appoint Moses Buffinton and Theophilus Shove Junr to Draw a testimony of Denial of the said Jonathan, and Bring it to our next Monthly meeting

Daniel Brayton Informed this meeting that he hath forwarded a coppy of the minute for a Subscription to freetown preparative meeting agreeable to Direction

The Queries and Anſwers to them, from each preparative Meeting was Read in this meeting from which General Anſwers were prepared and Sent to our Quarterly meeting with our Accounts by our Repreſentatives who are Daniel Brayton Moſes Buffinton and Adonijah Upton

Swansey Preparative meeting hath Collected and ſent up to this forty and two Shillings and freetown Preparative meeting twenty and two Shillings which is ordered to be paid into the Treaſury of this meeting, our Repreſentatives are directed to draw out of our treaſury the ſum of two pound ſix ſhillings and four pence, our proportion of the yearly meeting Stock, to Deliver to the treaſurer thereof

2/1792

At a Monthly Meeting

17th Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 6th of the 2d Mth 1792 The accounts from the Preparative Meetings being Preſented the Repreſentatives therein Named, for Swansey Clark Purinton & Amaſa Chaſe For freetown George Shove & Azariah Shove who Being Called are all Preſent

The Committee that was appointed to Draw a Teſtimony of denial of Jonathan Mair junr Preſented one to this meeting which is approved of, and ſigned by the Clerk, and Moſes Buffinton is appointed to Read said Teſtimony at a Suitable time at this House and make Report thereof to our next monthly meeting

The Repreſentatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting Informed that they all attended Received the General Printed Epiſtle of the Yearly meeting of Friends in London which was Read in this meeting to good Satiſfaction and Daniel Brayton is appointed to Read Said Epiſtle at the Cloſe of a Publick meeting at this Houſe

Daniel Brayton one of the Repreſentatives to the Quarterly Meeting produced a Receipt of Caleb Green treaſurer of the Yearly Meeting the ſum of of two pounds Six Shillings and four pence our proportion of the yearly meeting Stock which they were Directed to draw out of the treaſury of this meeting

Swanſey Preparative meeting Preſented the Following Information of Jonathan Read (Jun) To the Preparative meeting of Friends to Be held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 2d of the 2d Mo 1792 Jonathan Read hath thro a Lukewarm & Indifferent State of Mind hath almoſt Wholly neglected the attendance of our religious meetings alſo gave his Conſent to his Son Jonathans proceeding in marriage with a young woman not a Member of our Society who hath been Labour'd with to no Effect

Daniel Brayton
Benjamin Buffinton

Upon Which this meeting doth Appoint George Shove and Benjamin Buffinton a Committee to Labour with him for to bring him to a Since of his sd Luke warmneſs and State of Indifferency in Religious matters and make report thereof to our next Monthly meeting

The treaſurer of this meeting is directed to pay to the overſeers of the poor of freetown preparative meeting the Sum of £1„ 17„ 3 their account preſented to this meeting in the Sixth Month Last

The Committee that was appointed to Conſider of a Suitable place to hold the meeting at Freetown in the time of the moveing of their meeting Houſe propoſed the Houſe of Azariah Shove where William Boyce Liveth which this meeting approves of to begin the third first Day of this Inſtant to remain their untill this meeting further directs

3/1792 At a Monthly Meeting

of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 5th of the 3d Mo 1792
The accounts from the Preparative Meetings being preſented the Repreſentatives therein Named are for Swanſey Moſes Buffinton & Job Anthony for freetown Edward Shove & James Law who being called are all Preſent
Moſes Buffinton inform'd this meeting that he hath Read the Teſtimony of denial of Jonathan Read Junr agreeable to Direction

Daniel Brayton Inform'd this meeting that he hath read the printed yearly Epiſtle agreeable to Appointment

George Shove one of the Friends Appointed to Labour with Jonathan Stead, Benjamin Buffinton not being preſent Reported to this meeting, that they have attended to their appointment

and Said Friends are continued to have the Care of that matter, and to report to our next monthly meeting their proſpect of his makeing Satiſfaction If It appear to them Neceſsary

The Overſeers of the poor preſented an account to this meeting of the Sum of five pounds and Eight Shillings for the keeping of Abigail Waillard to this preſent date which this meeting directs the Clerk to furniſh each preparative meeting with a Coppy of this minute, in order for Subſcription

4/1792

At a Monthly meeting

of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 2d of the 4th Mth 1792 The Accounts from the Preparative meetings being Preſented, The Repreſentatives therein Named are for Swansey Benjamin Buffinton 2d & Benjamin Slead, for Freetown Adonijah Upton & Edward Shove Who being called are all Preſent

The Friends Continued in the Caſe of Jonathan Stead not being prepared to make a full report in that Caſe they therefore are again Continued for to have the Care of that Matter, and to report to our next monthly meeting

Daniel Brayton inform'd this meeting that he hath furniſhed each preparative meeting with a Coppy of that minute for Subſcription agreeable to direction

The Committee appointed to have the Care of the meeting at Taunton, not being prepared to make a full report, they are therefore Continued to have the Care of that meeting which is Continued to the Sixth month next as heretofore who are deſired to attend to their appointment and make report in the Sixth month next their proſpect of the State of that meeting

The Friends Appointed to have the Care of the meeting at Preferred Braytons made report that the meeting was attended and kept up to good Satisfaction

The Queries was read in this meeting and Answers prepared to them and Sent to our next Quarterly meeting with the Accounts by our Representatives who are Stephen Slead Benjamin Buffinton & George Shove

Swansey Preparative meeting in their Accounts Informs this Meeting that David Chase request a removal Certificate to the Monthly meeting of Friends on Rhode Island, upon which this meeting doth appoint Moses Buffinton and Clark Purinton Junr to make Inquiry into his Clearness respecting the Settlement of his outward affairs, and to Draw Said Certificate, and bring it our next monthly meeting, if the way appears Clear and and Said friends are desired to assist the women friends in the Case of Jonathan Baker Family

Swansey Preparative meeting hath Collected the Sum of £ S D 4 - 3 - 11 2 and freetown the Sum of S D 0 - 0 and Sent up to this Meeting which is ordered into the treasury and the treasurer is directed to deliver to our Representatives our proportion of the Quarterly meetings Stock, for to be delivered to the treasurer thereof which being the Sum of £4 10 [illegible]

5/171 At A Monthly Meting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 7th of the 5th Month 1792

The acounts from the preparitive meetings being presented the representatives therein named are for Swansey Benja Buffinton and Job Eddy for freetown Adonijah Hapton & James Law who being called are all present,

Benjamin Buffinton one of the committee, made a report to this meting that they have attended to their appointment, in the case of Jonathan Slead, And there still appears some impediment in the way of making a full report, upon which Sd Committee are continued to to have the care of that matter and to report to our next monthly meeting

Benjn Buffinton one of the Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reported to this meeting that they all attended agreeable to appointment

The friends that was appointed to prepare a certificate for David Chaſe made report that there appears some impediment in the way at preſent, upon which this meeting doth continue ſ'd committee to labour to remove every objection and report thereof to our next monthly meeting

Swanſey Preparative Meeting in their accounts preſented an information of the miſconduct of Clark Chaſe the conſideration of which is refer'd to our next Monthly meeting one of the repreſentatives of Freetown preparative meeting inform'd that Theophilus Shove requeſted a copy of a minute to Sandwich Quarterly ~~Monthly~~ Meeting in order to make a religious viſit among his friends there, These therefore may Certify that he is an approv'd miniſter in Unity with us, that we alſo concur with his intended viſit; and the Clerk is directed to furniſh him with a copy of this minute —

At A Monthly Meeting of Friends

held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 4th Day of the 6th mo. 1792 The accounts from the Preparative Meetings being preſented the repreſentatives therein named are For Swanſey Benja Mead & David Earl for Freetown Edward Shove and George Shove who being call'd are all preſent, The committee that was appointed to labour with Jonathan Mead Reported that they have attended to their appointment notwithſtanding there Appears not much amendment in him he Still deſires that friends would continue their care over him upon which this meeting doth Continue ſ'd Committee to perform their Labour and report thereof to our next Monthly meeting

The Committee that was continued to labour with David Chaſe to remove the Impediments out of the way that obſtructed his having a Certificate made report that there Still remains something to hinder, upon which this meeting doth continue ſ'd Committee who are deſir'd to labour in that matter and make report to our next meeting what obſtructs the way

The conſideration of the caſe of Clark Chaſe is refer'd to our next monthly meeting

Daniel Brayton inform'd this meting that he hath furnished Theophilus Shove with a coppy of a minute agreable to apointment

The Committee that was appointed to have the care of the meeting at taunton made the following report

We the subscribers according to appointment have attended the Meeting at Taunton which appeared orderly, and there appears a few engaged to attend that meeting, upon which we are of the mind that it would be best to continue that Meeting as heretofore with extending such care as to have an account thereof at the Monthly Meeting before each Quarter all which we submit to the monthly meeting

Hannah Chase
Hannah Chase 2nd

Caleb Earl
Clark Purinton
Benjn Buffinton
Benjn Buffinton 2nd
Adonijah Upton

Upon which this Meeting doth continue Sd Meeting as heretofore also Sd Committee untill the tenth month next with the addition of Isaac Wordan to have the care of sd meeting who are desired to report to this meeting before each Quarter —

Upon a request of Preserved Brayton brought up from Swanzey preparitive meeting, this meeting doth agree that a meeting be appointed at his house the third first day in each month under the care of John Chase and Jonathan Chase 2nd untill the tenth mo. next they then to report —

This meeting doth recommend to the several preparative meetings to renew the choice of overseers & present their names to the next monthly meeting and the Clerk is directed to furnish each preparitive meeting with a coppy of this minute

7/1792 At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 2nd day of the 7th mo 1792 The accounts being presented the representatives therein named are for Swanzey Nathan Chase & Obediah Chase for Freetown John Briggs & Adonijah Upton -

who being called are all present, Receiv'd an extract of a Minute from Sandwich monthly meeting on behalf of Barnabas Hoxie, who is about to reside within the the ensuing Season, ——

The matter respecting Jonathan Slead is referred to our next monthly Meeting under the care of the former Committee, who are desired to continue their labour with him, and report thereof to our next monthly meeting ——

The committee appointed in the case of David Chase made the following report, (viz) we your committee in the case of David Chase's Certificate have had several opportunities with him endeavoring to remove several matters which obstructs sd Certificate one of which is his defiling the Mariage bed made manifest by his wife having a Child soon after marriage two other matters relative to outward property in dispute one between Preserved Brayton & himself, and the other between he & Caleb Shearman, and he appears not disposed to remove the two former, the gave encouragement of setling the latter,

Somerset 7th mo 1st 1792 Moses Buffintun

Upon which this meeting doth disown unity with him, and appoint Theophilus Shove Junr and Benja Buffintun 2nd, to draw up a testimony of denial of his misconduct and present to our next meeting

Swansey Preparative meeting of the 5th mo last, presented the following information (viz) to the preparative meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset the 3rd of the 5th mo 1792 Whereas Clark Chase hath, contrary to the good order established among Friends kept Company with ~~one~~ a young not of our society in order for Marriage, which is manifest by his publishing of it to the world, who was timely labour'd with,

Daniel Brayton
Benja Buffintun 2nd

Since which contrary to the good order of Friends he hath married, whereupon this meeting doth disown unity with him and appoint Theophilus Shove & Benja Buffinton to draw a testimony of denial, of his misconduct, & present to our next monthly meeting,

This meeting appoints Asa Chase John Chase & Jonathan Chase of Swanzey Overseers of the poor, for the year insueing, or untill others are appointed, –

Swanzey Preparitive meeting, in their account inform, that they have Nominated John Chase – Daniel Brayton & Benja Buffinton 2nd to the place of Overseers, for the Insuing year, or untill others are appointed in their place, –

This meeting appoints John Chase & Benja Slead to Call on those persons who have Subscribed for the Bible, and collect the remainder part of the moneys for them, and forward it to Moses Brown, and receive sd Books for the Subscribers, and report when accomplish'd, –

7/1792 At a monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 2nd of the 7th Mo 1792

The accounts being presented the Representatives therein named are for Swanzey Nathan Chase & Obadiah Chase, for freetown John Boyce & Adonijah Upton who being Call'd are all present, Received an Extract of a Minute from Sandwich monthly meeting on behalf of Barnabas Hoxie who is about to Reside within this the Insuing season.

The matter Respecting Jonathan Slead is refered to our next monthly meeting under the Care of the former Committee who are Desired to Continue their Labour with him & to Report thereof to our next monthly meeting.

The Committee appointed in the Case of David Chase made the following report. which is Excepted & is as followeth (Viz) we your Committee in the Case Relating to David Chases Certificate have had several oppertunities with him Indeavouring to remove several matters which obstructs said Certificate, one of which is his Defiling

The marriage Bed. manifest by his wifes having a Child soon after Marriage two other matters are Relative to outward property in Dispute one Between Preserved Brayton & himself & the other Between he and Caleb Shearman & he appears not Disposed to Remove the two former Tho gave Encouragement of settling the Latter

Somerset 1st 7mo 1792
Moses Buffinton
Clark Purinton Jur

upon which this meeting Doth Disown unity with him, & appoint Theophilus Shove Jur & Benjamin Buffinton 2nd to Draw a testimony Denial of his misconduct & Bring to our Next monthly meeting ___ Swanzey preparative meeting 7 the fifth month Last Presented the following information (Viz) To the preparative meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swanzey the 3d Day of the 5th Mo 1792

Whereas Clark Chase hath Contrary to the Good order Established among Friends, kept Company with a young Woman not of our Society in order for marriage, which is manifest by his publishing it to the world who was timely Labour'd with

Daniel Brayton
Benjamin Buffinton 2nd

Since which he hath married Contrary to the Good order of friends. Whereupon this meeting Doth Disown unity with him & appoint Theophilus Shove Jur & Benjamin Buffinton to Draw a testimony of Denial of his misconduct & present to our next monthly meeting ___ this meeting appoints Asa Chase John Chase & Jonathan Chase of Swanzey overseers of the Poor, for the insuing year or untill others are appointed in their Place ___

Swanzey Preparative meeting in their accounts inform that they have Nominated John Chase Daniel Brayton and Benjamin Buffinton 2d to the place of Overseers for the Insuing year, or until others are appointed in their place Which this meeting Doth approve of

This meeting appoints John Chase & Benjamin Slead to Call upon those Persons who have Subscribed for the Bibles & Collect the Remainder part of the money for them & forward it to Moses Brown & receive said Books for the Subscribers and Report when accomplished

At a Monthly Meeting

of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanzey the 6th Day of the 8th Month 1792 — The Repreſentatives from the preparative meetings as by their accounts appear are for Swanzey Clark Purinton Jur & Jonathan Chase 2nd for Freetown William Boyce and George Shove Who being Called are all preſent. — The Committee in the Case of Jonathan Stead made report which not Being to Satiſfaction is Returned to them again who are Deſired to further treat & Labour with him to make it manifeſt to this meeting by way of Condemning his miſconduct and make Report thereof to our next monthly meeting —

The Committee appointed to Draw a teſtimony of Denial of David Chase preſented one which is approved of & Signed By the Clark and Daniel Brayton is appointed to read it at the Cloſe of a publick meeting at this houſe. The Committee appointed to Draw a teſtimony of Denial of Clark Chase preſented one which is approved of & Signed by the Clerk & Daniel Brayton is appointed to read said paper at a Suitable time at this houſe — Swanzey Preparative meeting in their accounts inform that Job Buffinton propoſes to Lay his intention of marriage Before this meeting with Phebe Chase Who accordingly appeared with the said Phebe and declared their Intentions of taking each other in marriage and Benjamin Stead & Benjamin Buffinton 2nd are appointed to Enquire into his Clearneſs reſpecting marriage and Report thereof to our next monthly meeting —

The Quearies were read and anſwers prepared to them in this meeting which are sent to the Quarterly meeting with the account by our Repreſentatives who are George Shove John Chase & William Lawton. — Swanzey preparative meeting forwarded a paper from Joſeph Stead Condemning Some miſconduct of his, whereupon John Chase Benjamin Buffinton, Clark Purinton & Jonathan Chase 2nd are appointed to take an opportunity with him to diſcover the Sincerity of his Condemning his miſconduct and make report thereof to our next monthly meeting

Freetown preparative meeting in their account Inform that they have nominated George Shove & Adonijah upton to the place of overſeers which this meeting Doth approve of for the Enſuing year or until others are appointed in their place

This meeting taking under Conſideration the matter reſpect=ing of Viſiters Long Standing do Diſmiſs them from that Serviſe

The appointment of Some Suitable Friends for that Station is Refered to our next monthly meeting

The Certificate on behalf of Hulather Aſtin Some time Since forwarded to Nantucket monthly meeting not Being minited there is now returned to us & he alſo

The Repreſentatives of Swanzey preparative meeting Inform that their meeting houſe is in ^want^ of Shingleing on the Roof upon which this ^meeting^ appoints Peleg Chase Nathan Chaſe William Slead Clark purinton Jur & Benjamin Slead a Committee to procure Subſcription for that Purpoſe and report to our next monthly meeting

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanzey the 3d Day of The 9th mo 1792

The accounts from the preparative meetings Being preſented the Repreſentatives therein named are for Swanzey Nathan Chaſe & Benjamin Earl, for freetown Adonijah Upton and Edmond Anthony who Being Called are all preſent

The Committee Appointed in the Caſe of Jonathan Strai Not being Prepared to make Report the matter is refered to our next monthly meeting they then to Report

6Daniel Brayton informed this meeting that he hath read the paper of 6Denial of 6David Chase agreeable to appoint=ment

This meeting is informed that our repreſentatives attended the Quarterly meeting agreeable to appointment and present a minute of the Concluſion of Said meeting

To raise the Sum of Fifty pounds for the Quarterly meeting use and also an account of the remaining Expence of the Building of the meeting house at [illegible] being Thirty five pounds ten shillings which is Recommended to the several preparative meetings for Subscriptions in freedom and the Clerk is Directed to furnish Each preparative meeting with a Coppy of this minute

The Committee appointed to inquire into the Clearness of [illegible] Buffinton respecting of Marriage report that not any thing appears to obstruct, & he accordingly appeared in this meeting with Phebe Chase, & continued his former Intention of Marriage with her they are therefore left to Consumate their said intentions agreeable to the good order Established amongst friends & Jonathan Chase and Benjamin Slead are appointed to see that said marriage is Decently Consumated

Daniel Brayton Inform that he hath not read the paper of Denial of Clark Chase & he is Continued for that Service & report thereof to our next monthly meeting

The Committee appointed to take an opportunity with Joseph Slead to Discover the Sincerity of his making friends satisfaction Make the following report (Viz) To the next monthly meeting to be held at Somerset the [illegible] day of the 9th mo: 1792

we have had an opportunity with Joseph Slead & he appeared to us in a good degree Sincere in Condemning his misconduct

Clark Purinton
Benjamin Buffinton
John Chase
Jonathan Chase Junr

Whereupon his paper of Condemnation is received for satisfaction and Caleb Earl is appointed to inform him thereof —

The matter refered from our Last monthly meeting Concerning the appointment of Visitors Coming under the consideration of this meeting thereupon Christopher Shove Benjamin Buffinton & Stephen Chace Jonathan Chace 2nd Caleb Earl Adonijah Upton and Edward Shove are appointed for that Service

The Committee Appointed to procure Subscription for the Shingling of the meetinghouse made report that about twenty Pounds are Subscribed upon which this meeting Directs said Committee to proceed on said business and Complete the work and when Done present their account

Freetown preparative meeting in their account inform that Anne Braley Requesteth the care of friends for her Child — upon which this meeting appoints Edward Shove & George Shove to take an opportunity with her on the Subject & Report thereof to our next monthly meeting

10/1792 At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 5th Day of the 10th Mo 1792

The accounts from the preparative meetings being Presented the Representatives therein named are for Swanzey Moses Buffinton } Hope Chase for Freetown George Shove } William Boyce who Being Called are all present

Daniel Brayton informed our Last monthly meeting that the time of his appointment as Clerk is Expired upon which this meeting reappoints him for that Service the year Ensuing or until another is appointed in that place

The Committee Appointed to Labour with Jonathan Chase made Report which this meeting accepts of and is as followeth (viz) agreable to appointment we have had another opportunity with Jonathan Mead and he Still appears to us in a Diſpoſition to make friends Satiſfaction

To the monthly meeting of friends to be held at Somerſet [illegible] the 5th day of the 10th Mo 1772

Benjamin Buffinton
George Shove

he also presenting a paper to this meeting Condemning his Conduct the Conſideration of which is Referd to our Next monthly meeting

Daniel Brayton Inform'd that he had forwarded a Coppy of the minute of our Laſt monthly meeting for Subſcription to the Several Preparative meetings agreable to Direction

Jonathan Chaſe informs that the marriage of Job Buffinton was Decently Conſumated

Daniel Brayton informes that he hath read the paper of Denial of Clark Chaſe agreable to appointment

The friends appointed to take an opportunity with anne Brayley Concerning her Requeſting the Care of friends for her Children not Being prepared to make report the matter is Continued till our next monthly meeting they then to report

The Committee appointed to have the Care of taunton meeting made the following report (Viz) We your Committee reſpecting Taunton meeting have Paid attention to that matter & the meeting has been kept up we believe orderly furthermore it is our Judgment that, that meeting be Continued Except the firſt day Preceding Each monthly meeting under the Care of a Committee all which we Submit

Patience Brayton
Hannah Chaſe

Caleb Earl
Clark Purinton
Benjamin Buffinton
Adonijah Upton
Benjamin Buffinton Jr

upon which this meeting Continues that meeting as heretofore till the fourth month next & sd Committee are desired to Extend their Care to that meeting and report thereof

The Friends in Care of the meeting at Preserved Braytons made report that said meetings were Satisfactory upon which this meeting Continues said meeting by his request untill the fourth month Next as heretofore under the Care of John Chase & Moses Buffinton

Received a Certificate from Dartmouth monthly meeting on behalf of Edward Slead Jr who is Come to Live within the Verge of this as an apprentice

The Queries were read and Answers Prepared for them in this meeting & sent up to the Quarterly meeting with the account by our Representatives who are Adonijah Upton Benjamin Bufinton & Moses Buffinton

Barnabas Shove inform'd this meeting that he was about to return to Sandwich monthly meeting upon which this meeting directs the Clerk to indorse this minute on his Certificate

The overseers of the Poor presentes an account of one Pound fourteen Shillings & two Pence Expences of the Poor up to the first Day of this present month and the Clerk is directed to furnish Each preparative meeting with a Coppy of this minute for Subscription

The friends appointed to Dispose of the hay that grew upon the meeting house Lot Reports that it was sold for Eleven Shillings & they are Directed to Deliver it to the Treasurer of this meeting

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At a Monthly meeting of Frien
held at Somerset for Swanzey the 5th of 11th mo 1792
The accounts from the Preparative meetings Being Presented, The representatives therein Named are for Swanzey John Chase and Stephen Slead for Freetown Adonijah Upton & Azariah Shove who being Called are all present

The matter referd at our Laſt monthly meeting reſpecting Jonathan Sleads paper Condemning his miſconduct Coming under Conſideration whereupon Said Acknowledgement is received for Satiſfaction & Philip Chaſe is appointed to inform him thereof The matter refered at our Laſt meeting Reſpecting Anna Braysleys Requeſt Being Receivd ~~Coming under Conſideration~~ & The Committee not ready to report therefore they are again Continued and to report when Ready

The Repreſentatives appointed to attend Laſt Quarterly Meeting reported that they all attended and preſented an Epiſtle from our Laſt yearly meeting which was read to Satiſfaction alſo an Extract from the Yearly meetings minutes informing that they had Concluded to raiſe the Sum of fifty Pounds and that our Quarter is Deſired to forward to the yearly meetings treaſurer the Sum of Twentyone Pounds Seven Shillings & Seven pence

The Clerk informed that he indorsed the minute on Behalf of Barnabas Hoxie agreeable to Direction alſo forwarded the Coppy of a minute to Each preparative meeting

Swanzey preparative meeting in their accounts inform'd that Gideon Chaſe propoſed to offer his intentions of Marriage with Sarah Briggs who accordingly appeared and Signified the Same who are Deſired to wait till next monthly meeting for an anſwer and Aſa Chaſe & Stephen Slead are appointed to inquire into his Clearneſs of marriage &c. and report to our Next monthly meeting Freetown preparative meeting inform that they have Collected & Sent up By their repreſentatives Nine Shillings for the Support of the poor, alſo one pound one Shilling for the Quarterly meeting which is Derected into the Treaſury of this meeting, & that for the Support of the Poor to the Overſeers of the Same

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanzey 3d Day of the 12th Mo. 1792 —

The Accounts from the Preparative meetings Being preſented the Repreſentatives therein Named are for Swanzey Job Anthony & Stephen Slead for Freetown Edward Shove & Edmond Anthony who Being Called are all preſent —

Philip Chase made Report to this Meeting that he hath Informed Jonathan Slead that his paper of Acknowledgment is Received for Satiſfaction agreeable to appointment —

Received a Coppy of a Minute from the Quarterly Meeting Informing that the Sum of Twenty one Pounds Seven Shillings and Seven pence is aportioned to Sd Meeting to Supply the Yearly meetings Stock & the Several monthly meetings are Deſired to Subſcribe therefor in freedom and the Clerk is directed to furniſh each preparative meeting with a Coppy hereof

Gideon Chase and Sarah Briggs appeared in this meeting and Continued their Intentions of Marriage and not any thing appeared to hinder their Sd Intention they are Left to Conſumate their marriage according to the Good order uſed among friends & Aſa Chase and Stephen Slead are appointed to See said marriage Decently Conſumated & make report thereof to our Next monthly meeting —

Theophilus Shove returned the Coppy of a minute that he received from this meeting Directed to the Meetings of Sandwich Quarter & also produced a Coppy of a minute from the monthly meeting of Friends at Acoaxet which was read in this meeting to Satiſfaction —

Swanzey preparative meeting in Their Account inform that Abner Chaſe appeared in their meeting with A requeſt to Come under the Care of Friends upon which this meeting appoints Moſes Buffinton & Daniel Brayton to take a Solid opportunity with him on that account and report thereof to our Next monthly meeting

Swanzey Preparative meeting hath Collected & sent up to this the Sum of two pound two Shillings & Nine pence for the Quarterly meetings Stock which is ordered into our treaſury

1793 At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanzey the 7th of the 1st Month 1793

The accounts from Swanzey Preparative meeting being preſented the Repreſentatives therein Named are Jonathan Chaſe & Daniel Chase Jun.r who Being Called are preſent

No Written account from freetown prepaprative meeting although James Law appeared from that meeting with anſwers to the Quearies & By Verbal account a Repreſentative

Daniel Brayton Informed that he hath not forwarded a Coppy of the Minute for Subſcriptions to the preparative meetings he is therefore Continued for that Service and to report to our Next monthly meeting The Committee informed that the marriage of Gideon Chaſe & Sarah Briggs appeared to be Decently Conſumated

The friends appointed to take an oppertunity with Abner Chaſe reported that they have attended to their appointment and think well of Continuing it another month which is accordingly and said friends are Deſired to report then

The Queries & anſwers to them was read in this meeting and General Anſwers Sent up to the Quarterly meeting with the account By our Repreſentatives who are Jonathan Chase 2nd Moſes Buffinton & Job Anthony

Swanzey preparative meeting in their account Inform that Joseph Slead requeſts a Certificate on account of Marriage to the monthly meeting of friends at Rhodeiſland whereupon Caleb Earl & Clark Purinton are appointed to Inquire into his Clearneſs Reſpecting of Marriage and prepare one & preſent to the adjournment of this meeting If nothing appears to obſtruct

Said preparative meeting hath Collected and Sent up the Sum of one Pound one Shilling & one penny which is Directed into the Treaſury

The Repreſentatives are Directed to Call upon the Treaſurer of this meeting for the Sum of five pounds two Shillings for the Quarterly meeting who are Deſired to forward the Same to Sd meetings Treaſury & an account thereof to this meeting

This meeting adjourns to the 17th Day of this inſtant at the Cloſe of the meeting for worſhip

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1793 17th Day met by adjournment The Repreſentatives being called are all preſent as at the firſt ſitting of this meeting

The account from Freetown being preſented the other Repreſentative for that meeting appears to be Moſes Shove who hath not rendered ſatiſfactory reaſons for his abſence at our firſt ſitting. —

The Committee in reſpect of Joſeph Slead's Certificate in order for marriage with [illegible] Borden, a member of Rhodeiſland monthly meeting preſented one and after ſome amendment it was approved and ſigned by the Clerk. —

The Overſeers of the poor preſented an account of Two pounds four Shillings & Eight pence and the Clerk is directed to forward to Each Preparative meeting a Copy of this minute in order for ſubſcription and report to our next monthly meeting.

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1793 At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 4th of the 2nd mo 1793

The Repreſentatives for Swanſey Preparative meeting are David Earle, and William Lawton, and for Freetown Adonijah Upton & George Shove who are all preſent except George Shove —

The Clerk not being preſent Moſes Buffinton is appointed Clerk for the Day

This meeting is informd that the Clerk hath forwarded a Coppy of the minute agreeable to appointment to each Preparative meeting — The Committee appointed to take an oppertunity with Abner Chase not being prepared to make a full report they are continued for that Service and report thereof to next monthly meeting. The Representatives inform that they all attended the Quarterly meeting and produce an account from said meeting that the sum of Eight pounds, five shillings was apportiond to our meeting to be raised for said Quarter; also produced a Receipt from sd meetings Treasurer of five pounds two shillings by which it appears that there is Three pounds three shillings not paid therefore each Preparative meeting are desired to Contribute thereto and send up to next monthly meeting and the Clerk is directed to forward a coppy of this minute to said Preparative meetings. —

It appears that the Clerk hath forward a coppy of the minute for subscription for the poor to each preparative meeting

Received of the Yearly meeting for the use of the poor of this one Bible which is Deliverd to the care of the Overseers of the poor or their successors in sd Office. —

Freetown Preparative meeting in their account inform that Edmond Anthony requests a Certificate on account of marriage with Jemimah Hoxie a member of the monthly meeting of friends at Sandwich whereupon Edward Shove & Heniſih Upton are appointed to inquire into his Clearness respecting marriage and prepare a Certificate and bring to our next monthly meeting if nothing appears to obstruct.

Received an Extract from the meeting for sufferings whereby it appears that sd meeting is about to print the manuscript wrote by our Friend Job Scott intitled the Baptism of Christ a Gospple Ordinance &C. Upon which this meeting appoints Edward [illegible] Benjamin Slead, and Daniel Chase junr, to Collect subscriptions for the same and present to our next monthly meeting. —

Freetown Preparative meeting hath Collected and sent up the sum of Nine shillings & two pence for the support of the poor which is delivered to the overseers of the same. —

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At a Monthlymeeting of Freends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 4th of the 3d mo 1793.

The Representatives from the preparatives meetings by their accounts are for Swansey Paul Chase & Job Buffinton for

for Freetown John Boyce & Edward Shove who being call'd are all preſent.

The committee continued in the caſe of Abner Chaſe report that they have attended to their appointment notwithſtanding are not prepared to make a full report, therefore they are again continued and deſired to report at our next monthly meeting. -

Daniel Brayton inform'd that he hath forwarded the minute reſpecting a ſubſcription, to each preparative meeting agreeable to appointment. -

The friends appointed to draw a Certificate on behalf of Edmond Anthony on account of marriage preſented one which is approved of and ſigned by the Clerk. -

The Committee to collect ſubſcriptions for the printing of a Manuſcript wrote by Job Scott, reported upon which this meeting doth agree to ſend for fifty of them and Benjamin Buffinton, is appointed to inform the meeting for ſufferings thereof.

The Committee in the caſe of Anna Brayley's requeſt reported which is accepted and is as followeth (viz) ⟶

We your Committee in the caſe of Anna Brayley's Requeſt for her Children have taken ſuch care as appeared to us neceſsary in that caſe and dont find any thing to hinder receiving them under friends care; namely the males Ruel, Hattil, Roger, John, & Joſiah, the females Anna, Dinah, and Marcy Allen, -

George Shove, in
behalf of the Committee.

Upon which this meeting doth receive them under our care Alſo ſaid Committee inform'd that two of them are placed out to apprentiſhip out of the verge of this meeting whereupon ſaid Committee are appointed to draw certificates for them & bring to our next monthly meeting. - Swanzey Preparative meeting in their account inform that Stephen Chaſe, propoſes to offer his intention of marriage with Lydia Boyce who accordingly appeared in this meeting and declared their intention of taking each other in marriage & they are deſired to wait until our next monthly meeting for an Anſwer; Benjamin Slead, and Benjamin Buffinton, 2 are appointed to inquire into his clearneſs reſpecting of marriage & report thereof to our next mo'ly meeting George Shove gave ſatiſfactory reaſons for his abſence at our laſt monthly meeting also said meeting inform that Howland Mead proposes to offer his intention of marriage with Mary Purinton who accordingly appeared in this meeting and declared their intention of marriage with each other, they desired to wait untill our next monthly meeting for an Answer, Benjamin Mead, and Benjamin Buffinton are appointed to inquire into his Clearness respecting of marriage and report thereof to our next monthly meeting.

The Overseers of the poor presented an account of two pounds, five shillings & nine pence which hath been expended upon the poor, upon which this meeting directs that the sum of Three pounds be raised for that use — And the Clerk is directed to furnish each Preparative meeting with a Coppy of this minute.

4/1793 At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 1st of the 4th month 1793

The accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein Nam'd are for Swansey Nathan Chase, and Gideon Chase, for Freetown Adonijah Upton, & James Law who being called are present.

The Committee to take an opportunity with Abner Chase, made the following report (viz) We have had several opportunities with Abner Chase, respecting his request of being taken under friends care, and it appears to us that his motives in that respect are good. Moses Buffinton,
Daniel Brayton,

Upon which this meeting doth receive him under their care
Benjamin Buffinton inform'd that he hath forwarded to the meeting for sufferings the Number of Books this meeting sent for of Job Scotts writing. George Shove presented a Certificate on behalf Roger Brayley to the monthly meeting of friends at Accoaxet which was approved of & signed by the Clerk: Also one for Hattil Brayley, to the monthly meeting of Friends at New Bedford which is approved of & signed by the Clark & George Shove, is appointed to forward said Certificates where they are directed —

The Committee that had the care of that meeting held at Preſerved Brayton's made the following report. (viz.) —
We have attended the meetings appointed at Preſerved Brayton's which have been kept up to a good degree of ſatiſfaction —
We may further inform that it is the deſire of sd. Preſerved & his wife that a meeting be continued there as heretofore or at an other time or times as the meeting may think ~~[illegible]~~ proper. —

Eliſabeth Chaſe,
Hannah Chaſe
Moſes Buffinton,
John Chaſe,

The conſideration of which is referd to our next Monthly meeting

The Committee to have the care of that meeting held at Taunton made the following report which is accepted (viz.) We of the Committee appointed in care of the meeting at Taunton report, that the ſame has been kept up. — Alſo think it may be ſafe to continue ſaid meeting as heretofore which we ſubmit to the monthly meeting. —

Benjn. Buffinton, 2.
Adonijah Upton
Mary Upton
Eliſabeth Shove
Clark Purinton,
Caleb Earl,
Benja. Buffinton,
Iſaac Woodward. —

Whereupon sd. Committee are ſtill continued to have the care of sd. meeting who are deſired to report in the 8mo next

Daniel Brayton, informed that he hath forwarded a coppy of the minute for ſubſcription to each preparative meeting agreable to appointment.

The friends appointed to inquire into the clearneſs of Stephen Chaſe reſpecting of marriage, report that not any thing appeard to hinder, who ~~[illegible]~~ appeared in this meeting with Lydia Boyce and continued their intentions who are left to Conſumate the ſame agreable to the good order uſed amongſt friends
Adonijah Upton & George Shove are appointed to ſee ſaid marriage decently conſumated & make report thereof to next monthly meeting.

Alſo the friends appointed to inquire into the clearneſs of Rowland Slead, reſpecting marriage report that not any thing appeared to hinder who appeared in this meeting with Mary Purinton, and continued their intention, they are therefore left to conſumate the ſame and Moſes Buffinton & Caleb Earl are appointed to ſee the marriage decently

Conſumated and report thereof to our next monthly meeting.

The Queries and Anſwers to them was read in this meeting and general anſwers ſent up to the Quarterly meeting with an account by our repreſentatives who are Benjamin Earl, Job Anthony, and Jonathan Chaſe 2d.

Daniel Chaſe preſented a paper to this meeting wherein it appears that he is diſſatisfied with the award of the Arbetrators that were choſen to ſettle a matter of diſpute between Caleb Earl and himſelf whereupon we appoint William Boyce, Adonijah Upton, Reuben Chaſe, & Theophilus Shove to treat with him agreeable to Diſcipline and make report thereof to our next monthly meeting.

Swanſey preparative meeting hath collected and ſent up Two pounds, five ſhillings & eleven pence and Freetown preparative meeting One pound & ſix pence half penny in all makes Three pounds, ſix ſhillings & one penny halfpenny which is ordered into the Treaſury of this meeting for the Quarterly meeting uſe.

Alſo collected One pound ſix ſhillings & one penny half penny for the uſe of the Yearly meeting which is directed into our Treaſury.

This meeting directs the Repreſentatives to draw out of our Treaſury Two pounds for the Yearly meetings ſtock — alſo Three pounds, Three ſhillings for the Quarterly meetings ſtock it being the remaining part of our proportion of ſd. ſtock and deliver to the Treaſurer thereof.

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At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 6th of the 5th month 1793

The Repreſentatives from the preparative meetings as by their accounts appear are for Swanſey Benjamin Buffinton & Benja. Slead, for Freetown Edward Shove & Aſa Shove who being called are all preſent.

The continuance of a meeting at Preſerved Brayton's refer'd at laſt monthly meeting coming under conſideration it is agreed that a meeting be held there on the third firſt day in each month until the twelvth month next under the care of Moſes Buffinton and John Chaſe, they then to report.

Adonijah Upton reported that the marriage of Stephen Chaſe and Lydia Boyce appeard to be decently conſumated —

The Committee reported that nothing appeared but that the marriage of Howland Mead, and Mary Purinton; was decently conſumated. —

Jonathan Chaſe inform'd that he attended the Quarterly meeting agreeable to appointment and produced receipts one from the Treaſurer of the Quarterly meeting of Three pounds Three Shillings and me from the Treaſurer of the Yearly meeting of Two pounds which was ſent to ſd meetings. —

The Committee in the Caſe of Daniel Chaſe reported that it did appear to them that the arbetrators in the caſe between ſd Daniel, and Caleb Earl, had not given any deciſive opinion in their award. — And ſaid Committee are continued to labour with the contending parties for a reconſiliation that the diſpute between them may peaceably be ſettled & report to next monthly meeting. —

Swanſey Preparative meeting in their account preſent the following information (viz) To the preparative meeting of Friends to be held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 2d day of the 5th month 1793.

Whereas George Briggs hath for ſome time conducted in a very diſorderly manner by uttering many unbecoming expreſſions to the reproach of ſd Society who hath been tenderly laboured with, alſo abſented from his Maſter in a Clandeſtine manner

John Chaſe,
Daniel Brayton,
Benjamin Buffinton

Upon which we appoint Moſes Buffinton, Daniel Chaſe jur. and Amaſa Chaſe to inquire into the matter and make report thereof to our next monthly meeting. — Alſo ſaid preparative meeting inform that Joſeph Mead requeſteth a removal Certificate to the monthly meeting of Friends on Rhode Iſland upon which this meeting appoints Theophilus Shove jur & Job Eddy to prepare one and preſent it to our next monthly meeting if nothing appears to obſtruct. —

Freetown preparative meeting in their account inform that they have ſent up Eleven Shillings & Six pence for the uſe of the poor which is directed into the hands of the Overſeers of the poor

Freetown preparative meeting inform alſo, that Stephen Shove, propoſes to offer his intention of marriage with Mary Chaſe who accordingly appeared in this meeting and declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage and they are deſired to wait until our next monthly meeting for their anſwer, and Adonijah Upton & Edward Shove are appointed to inquire into the clearneſs reſpecting of marriage of sd Stephen and make report thereof to our next monthly meeting

Said preparative meeting likewiſe inform that Samuel Shove propoſes to offer his intention of marriage with Rhoda Shove who appeared in this meeting and declared their intentions of marriage with each other and they are deſired to wait until our next monthly meeting for anſwer and Adonijah Upton and Edward Shove are appointed to inquire into his clearneſs reſpecting of marriage and make report thereof to our next monthly meeting

At a Monthly meeting of Friends

held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 3d day of the 6th month 1793.

The accounts from the preparative meetings being preſented the repreſentatives therein named are for Swanſey Gideon Chaſe, and Benjamin Earle, for Freetown Adonijah Upton & Edmund Anthoney who being called are all preſent.

The Committee in the caſe of Daniel Chaſe and Caleb Earl, not being prepared to report upon which this meeting requeſt that they proceed early upon that buſineſs and report to our next monthly meeting.—

The Committee to inquire into the Circumſtance of Georg Briggs abſenting himſelf from his maſter &c. report that they cannot come at any knowledge of him. upon which and his other conduct this meeting doth put him from under their care and diſown unity with him — and the conſideration of a publick teſtimony againſt his miſconduct is referd to our next monthly meeting.—

The Committee to inquire into the clearneſs of Stephen Shove reſpecting marriage. report that not any thing appeared to hinder upon which he appeared with Mary Chaſe in this meeting and continued their intention of marriage, who are left to conſumate the ſame according to the good order uſed amongſt Friends and Benjamin Buffinton & Jonathan Chaſe are appointed to ſee said marriage decently conſumated & report to our next monthly meeting.

The Committee to inquire into the clearneſs of Samuel Shove reſpecting of marriage; report that not any thing appeared to hinder upon which he appeared with Rhoda Shove in this meeting and continued their intention of marriage with each other who are left to Conſumate the ſame according to the good order uſed amongſt friends and William Boyce, & Azariah Shove, are appointed to ſee sd marriage decently conſumated and report to next monthly meeting.

The Committee to prepare a removal Certificate for Joſeph Mead not having accompliſhed that matter they are continued for that ſervice and are deſired to preſent one to our next monthly meetg

Swanzy preparative meeting preſented the following information (viz.) To the preparative meeting of Friends to be held at Somerſet for Swanzy the 30th of 5th month 1793. — This is to inform that Gideon Chaſe hath kept company & proceeded in marriage with one not a member of our Society ſince which we have labourd with him and he does not appear in a diſpoſition to condemn his outgoings. ——

John Chaſe,
Benjamin Buffinton,
Daniel Brayton,

Upon which this meeting appoints Amaſa Chaſe, and Benjamin Earle, to labour with him for his recovery and report thereof to our next monthly meeting.

Said meeting likewiſe inform that they have raiſed Two pounds Eight Shillings & two pence for the ſupport of the poor which is delivered to the Overſeers of the ſame.

The Overſeers of the poor preſented an account of One pound Eighteen Shillings & three pence which hath been expended in ſupporting the poor up to the third day of this mo. upon which this meeting recommends to the ſeveral preparative meetings the raiſing of Six pounds for the ſupport of poor friends and the Clerk is directed to furniſh each preparative meeting with a Coppy of this minute.

Freetown preparative meeting hath raiſed and ſent up to this Eight Shillings and Eight pence for the uſe of the Yearly meeting which is directed to be paid unto the Treaſurer of this meeting.

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At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 1st day of the 7th month 1793—

The repreſentatives from the Preparative meeting as by their accounts appear are for Swanſey Benjamin Slead, & Theophilus Shove jur. for Freetown George Shove, & Edward Shove, who being called are all preſent.

The Committee appointed in caſe of Daniel Chaſe, and Caleb Earl, made report that they have laboured to reconcile the diſpute or differrence between them which hath not had the deſired effect, by their not agreeing upon friends to judge and determine the ſame conſiſtant with our Diſcipline and as sd Daniel is not preſent. Benjamin Slead, and Clark Purinton; are appointed to inform him that unleſs they do agree betwixt this and another month that the meeting will proceed to appoint ſome friends to ſettle the ſame.

The Committees to ſee the marriage of Stephen Shove, and Samuel Shove, decently conſumated report that not any thing appeared but that ſaid marriages were orderly conſumated.

The Committee to prepare a Certificate on behalf of Joſeph Slead, preſented one which after being read and corrected was approved of and ſigned by the Clerk and Daniel Chaſe, jur. is appointed to forward sd Certificate to the monthly meeting to which it is directed.

The Committee to labour with Gideon Chaſe, son of Ichabod on account of his marrying out of the order of friends report that he did not appear in a diſpoſition to make friends ſatiſfaction, upon which this meeting doth put him the sd Gideon Chaſe, from under their care.

The Clerk informed that he hath forwarded the coppy of the minute for ſubſcription to each preparative meeting.

Daniel Brayton informed that the time of the Overſeers is expired whereupon the Clerk is deſired to inform the preparative meeting of Swanſey thereof.

Freetown preparative meeting inform that they have collected One pound One shilling & Nine pence for the ſupport of the poor which is ordered into the hands of the Overſeers thereof.

As a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 5th day of the 8th month 1793

The accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the representatives therein named are for Swansey Moses Buffinton and Benjamin Slead, for Freetown Adonijah Upton, and George Shove, who being called are all present.

The Committee to inform Daniel Chase, the judgement of this meeting concerning the dispute between him and Caleb Earl, report that they have attended to their appointment and that have agreed upon some friends to settle the dispute and said Committee are continued to have the care of the matter and report thereof to our next monthly meeting.

Daniel Chase jun. inform'd that he hath forwarded the Certificate on behalf of Joseph Slead agreeable to appointment.

Daniel Brayton inform'd that he hath informed the preparative meeting of Swansey that the time of the appointment of the Overseers is expired.

The Committee that had the care of the meeting at Taunton being called upon and they not being ready to make a full report are again continued to have the care thereof and report in the tenth month next.

The Queries was read in this meeting and the Answers from the preparative meetings from which General Answers were compiled and sent up to the Quarterly meeting with the account by our representatives who are Nathan Chase, Edward Shove, and Benjamin Buffinton 2d.

Swansey preparative meeting inform that they have nominated John Chase, Daniel Brayton, and Benjamin Buffinton 2d. to the place of Overseers which we approve of. and they are accordingly appointed to that place.

The Committee to repair friends meeting House at ~~Freetown~~ Somerset made report that they have accomplished the same and Exhibited an account of the expence of Fourteen pounds, Thirteen Shillings and two pence which appears to be paid.

The Committee to move and rebuild friends meeting house at Freetown made the following report (viz.)

"We your Committee to move and rebuild friends meeting house at Freetown have accomplished that business and the whole expence amounts to £ 57 - 19 - 3
Subscribed towards sd. expence 39 - 13 - 0
£ 18 - 6 - 3

George Shove
Adonijah Upton,
Edward Shove

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At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 2d day of the 9th month 1793.

The accounts from the Preparative meetings being preſented the Repreſentatives therein Named are for Swanſey Obadiah Chaſe and Clark Purinton, jr. for Freetown Edward Shove and James Laed who being called are all preſent.

Our Friend Elias Hicks attended this meeting with a Certificate from the monthly meeting of Friends held at Jericho on Long Iſland alſo an Endorſement from the Quarterly meeting held at New York which was read to good ſatiſfaction and his labours of love are to our Comfort and Edification. Alſo our Friend James Mott attended this meeting with a Coppy of a minute from the monthly meeting of Friends held at the Purchaſe which was read to good ſatiſfaction.

One of the friends that had the care of the caſe reſpecting Daniel Chaſe, and Caleb Earl, report that they have attended to their appointment and that the diſpute is in a good way to be ſettled and sd friends are continued to have the care of that matter and report to next monthly meeting.

Received the following Extracts of the Yearly meeting's minute from the Quarterly meeting held on Rhode Iſland in the 8th mo. laſt. (viz) After ſolid deliberation it is concluded that the following be adopted for the Third Query, and the ſeveral Quarterly meetings are directed to have it inſerted in our books of Diſcipline (viz) Query 3d. Are Friends careful to bring up thoſe under their direction in plainneſs of ſpeech, behaviour and apparel, to reſtrain them from reading pernicious books and the corrupt converſation of the world, are they good Examples herein themſelves, and are the Holy Scriptures frequently read audibly in their families.

Rhode Iſland Quarterly meeting having in their account propoſed that their meeting in the firſt month, which has heretofore been held at Providence ſhould be in future held at Somerſet, formerly Swanſey, after due conſideration their propoſal is acceeded to and the alteration is concluded upon accordingly. Whereupon we appoint Daniel Brayton, and George Shove to record sd alteration on our books of Diſcipline, in reſpect to the Third Query agreeable to direction and report when accompliſhed.

The repreſentatives inform that they all attended the Quarterly meeting agreeable to appointment.

Iſaac Killey produced a Certificate from the monthly meeting of friends at Eaſt Hooſuck reſpecting his clearneſs of marriage &c who appeared in this meeting with Mary Lepton and ſignified his intention of taken her for his wife who are deſired to wait until our next monthly meeting for an anſwer.

Swanſey Preparative meeting inform that Moſes Buffinton Jur propoſes to offer his intention of marriage with Sarah Chaſe who accordingly appeared in this meeting with her and ſignified his intention of marriage and produced conſent of parents and they are deſired to wait until our next monthly meeting for an anſwer and Theophilus Shove Jur and Benjamin Mead are appointed to inquire into his Clearneſs reſpecting of marriage and report to next monthly meeting.

Benjamin Mead informed that the time of his appointment as Treaſurer is Expired upon which he is reappointed for that ſervice until another is appointed in that place.

We appoint Benjamin Earle, Daniel Brayton and George Shove to ſettle with the Treaſurer and report to our next monthly meeting

Benjamin Mead informed in behalf of Jonathan Chaſe, 2d that he had diſpoſed of the hay and apples that grew upon this meetings land in Somerſet to the amount of One pound Six Shillings which is ordered into the Treaſury.

Freetown Preparative meeting ſent up Eight Shillings & three pence for the ſupport of the poor which is ordered into the hands of the Overſeers thereof. —

This meeting taking into conſideration the want of a Stove to accommodate this houſe. — Whereupon Benjamin Mead Benjamin Earle, William Lawton, William Mead & George Shove are appointed to procure Subſcriptions for that purpoſe and purchaſe a Stove and report in the Eleventh month next —

Received an Extract of a minute from the Quarterly meeting held on Rhode Iſland wherein they direct that each monthly meeting Enter into a Subſcription towards defraying the remaining part of the charge that hath accrued in rebuilding the meeting houſe at Freetown which appears to be Eighteen pounds Six Shillings & three pence, and the Clerk is directed to furniſh each preparative meeting with a Coppy of this minute. —

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At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 7th day of the 10th month 1793.

The Repreſentatives from the Preparative meetings as by their accounts appear are for Swanſey Aſa Chaſe, & David Earle, for Freetown George Shove & Azariah Shove who being called are all preſent,

A Certificate on behalf of Rufus Hall from the monthly meeting of Friends at Saratoga with an Endorſement from the Quarterly meeting at the Nine partners was read in this meeting to good Satiſfaction. Alſo one on behalf of Zebulon Hoxſie from said monthly meeting was read in this sd meeting to Satiſfaction.

The friends to have the care of the diſpute between Daniel Chaſe, and Caleb Earle, report that it appears nearly ſettled said friends are again Continued to have the care of that matter and report to our next monthly meeting.

The friends to audit accounts with our Treaſurer made the following report. We have ſettled with the Treaſurer and found a ballance in his hands of Three pounds & Nine pence half penny.

George Shove,
Benjamin Earle,
Daniel Boynton.

Iſaac Kelly appeared in this meeting with Mary Upton and continued their intention of marriage and not any thing appearing to hinder their said intention they are left to conſumate their marriage according to the good orders of Friends and George Shove and Azariah Shove are appointed to see sd marriage decently Conſumated and the marriage Certificate recorded.

Agreable to said Iſaac's requeſt a meeting is appointed next fourth Day to Conſumate said marriage at Friends meeting house at Freetown and sd friends are deſired to report thereof at our next monthly meeting.

Moſes Buffinton junr with Sarah Chaſe appeared in this meeting and continued their intention of marriage. not any thing appeared (by the report of the Committee) to hinder their proceeding they are left to conſumate their sd intentions according to the good order uſed amongſt Friends and Benjamin Buffinton, & Benjamin Mead, are appointed to see said marriage decently Conſumated and the Certificate recorded & report to our next monthly meeting

The Committee to have the care of the meeting held at Taunton made the following report. (viz)

We your Committee to have the Care of that meeting at

Taunton report that it appears to us the ſame has been kept up and it is our judgment that it would be beſt to continue that meeting as heretofore all which we ſubmit. — Caleb Earl,

Iſaac Woodward, } Clark Rainton,
Benjamin Buffinton 2d } Benjamin Buffinton,

Upon which this meeting doth continue ſaid meeting and the Committee until the twelfth month next then to report. —

The Queries and Anſwers from the preparative meetings were read in this and general Anſwers ſent up to the Quarterly meeting with an account by our repreſentatives who are David Earl, Edward Shove, and John Chaſe, they are deſired to report of their attendance.

Swanſey preparative meeting inform that James Maxwell, hath for a long time neglected the attendance of our religious meetings and married out of the order of Friends. upon which this meeting doth put him from under their care.

Said preparative meeting alſo preſented the following inform=ation (viz) To the Preparative meeting of Friends to be held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 3d day of the 10th month 1793

Whereas Edward Chaſe junr. of Warren hath almoſt wholly been in the neglect of the attendance of our Religious meetings alſo expreſsed that he hath no deſire of being continued under friends care who hath been labour with to no effect. — John Chaſe,
Daniel Brayton,
Benjamin Buffinton

Upon which this meeting appoints Stephen Stead & Jonathan Chaſe 2d to labour with him inorder to bring him to a ſence of his duty in them reſpects and report to our next monthly meeting

Daniel Brayton informd that he hath forwarded a Coppy of the minute for ſubſcription to Swanſey preparative meeting but hath had no opportunity to ſend one to Freetown he continued for that purpoſe and make report to next monthly meeting.

This meeting directs Edward Shove and David Earle, to draw out of our Treaſury what remains uncollected of the money for the books We have ſent for and procure Sd. Books, and report thereof to Your next monthly meeting.

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 4th day of the 11th month 1793.

The accounts from the preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein Named are for Swansey Thomas Earl, and Benjamin Buffinton 2d for Freetown Adonijah Upton and Edward Shove who being called are all present.

Daniel Brayton is reappointed Clerk for the year ensuing.

The friends continued to have the care of the matter between Daniel Chase, and Caleb Earl, report that, that matter is settled.

George Shove inform'd that the marriage of Isaac Kelly was decently consumated also it now appears that his marriage Certificate is recorded.

The Committee inform'd that the marriage of Moses Buffinton Jur appeared to be decently consumated, the marriage Certificate also appears to be recorded by information from the Recorder

The friends appointed to attend last Quarterly meeting inform that they all attended and produced an Extrat of a minute of our proportion of the yearly meeting Stock which is Four pounds fourteen Shillings and five pence; and the Clerk is directed to forward a Coppy of this minute to each preparative meeting for subscription

Received the following information from the monthly meeting of Friends on Rhode Island. — To the Monthly meeting of Swansey Esteemed Friends, Edmond Eastes a member of our Religious Society having removed from us to reside with you without the advice of friends or applying for a Certificate. We have therefore thought proper to give you this information respecting him desiring you to Extend such care and attention towards him on our behalf as the Discipline requireth.

Signed on behalf of the monthly meeting of Rhode Island held at Portsmouth the 25th of the 6th month 1793.

By Samuel Thurston, Clerk.

Upon which we appoint Moses Buffinton & Jonathan Chase, to labour in that matter agreeable to their request, and report thereof to our next monthly meeting.

The Certificate on behalf of Joseph Slead not having been presented to the monthly meeting to which it was directed is now returned and said Joseph also hath removed back again.

One of the Committee to labour with Edward Chaſe jur report that they have not had opportunity with him upon which are continued for that ſervice and report thereof to next monthly meeting

Daniel Brayton informs that he hath forwarded the Coppy of the minute for ſubſcription to Freetown Preparative meeting

The friends appointed to procure the books &c ſubſcribed for report that they drawed out of the Treaſury ſeventeen ſhillings and four pence alſo preſented ſd Books and there is Eleven more than individuals ſubſcribed for which are directed to the care of the Overſeers of the poor to hand out to ſuch poor friends as to them appears proper and report to our next monthly meeting

The Committee to inſpect into the Conduct of ſuch friends as dealt in ſpirituous Lyquors made the following report.—

We of your Committee appointed ſome years ſince to inſpect into the conduct of the members of our meeting reſpecting Spirituous Lyquors did attend thereto in the early part of appointment and give ſome advice therein, but ſince that one friend under appointment has removed out of the verge of our meeting and but little done alſo inform that we believe the number that deal in ſd Lyquors is now leſs then when we were appointed

Swanzey the 13th the 11th month 1793.} Aſa Shove,
Benjamin Caſe,

The conſideration of which is referd to our next monthly meeting.

Swanzey preparative meeting hath Collected and ſent up Four pounds Ten Shillings, which is ordered into the hands of the Overſeers of the poor who are deſired to report to our next monthly meeting how they have diſpoſed of the ſame together with what hath been collected by Freetown Preparative meeting and ordered into their hands.

The Committee to procure a Stove to accommodate this houſe inform that they have not accompliſhed it. Whereupon they are continued in order to purchaſe one and report to next mo.s meet.g

Received by the hand of one of the Repreſentatives from the Quarterly meeting Six pounds toward the charge of moveing and rebuilding Freetown meeting houſe which is directed into the hands of the Committee for that purpoſe. —

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 2d day of the 12th month 1793.

The Repreſentatives from the Preparative meetings as by their accounts appear are for Swanſey John Chaſe, & Benjamin Mead, for Freetown Adonijah Upton, & George Shove, who being being called all preſent

Our Repreſentatives to attend the laſt Quarterly meeting produced the Epiſtle of our laſt Yearly meeting which being read is to good ſatiſfaction, and the advice therein recommended in reſpect to the ſituation of poor friends being weightily conſidered, We recommend to the Overſeers thereof to take the neceſſary care reſpecting that matter and report to our next monthly meeting.

Our Womens meeting inform that they were about to diſown Triſhena Edmiſter, which we concur with.

The Committee in regard to the information from Rhode Iſland monthly meeting concerning Edmund Eaſtes report that they have made ſome inquiry in that caſe but not ſufficiently they are therefore continued for that ſervice and report to our next monthly meeting.

The Overſeers of the poor are directed to diſpoſe of thoſe books committed to their care at our laſt monthly meeting as they think proper and return thereof to our next monthly meeting.

The report of the Committee concerning thoſe friends that dealt in ſpirituous Lyquors, refer'd at laſt monthly meeting to this, coming under conſideration upon which we appoint Edward Shove, Moſes Buffinton, adonijah Upton, & Daniel Brayton to inquire into the conduct of thoſe friends that continue in the practice and make report thereof to our next monthly meeting.

The Womens meeting inform that they are about to diſown Iſabel Eddy which we concur with.

The Committee to labour with Edward Chaſe Jur. made the following report viz; We your Committee according to appointment have had an opportunity with Edward Chaſe Jur. who appears not in a diſpoſition to be retained under friends care any longer.

Stephen Mead,
Jonathan Chaſe, 2d

Upon which we diſown unity with him and put him from under our care.

The Overſeers of the poor exhibited the following. (viz)

This is to inform that we have aſsiſted poor friends more than has been paid by the meeting or ordered to the amount of fifteen Shillings & ten pence up to this day.

Jonathan Chaſe. 2d
Aſa Chaſe
John Chaſe

Which is accepted and they are directed to draw out of the Tre y of this meeting the above ſum.

The Committee to procure a place inform that they have not accompliſhed the matter, therefore they are continued to procure one and report to next monthly meeting.

The Committee in care of the meeting at Preſerved Braytons report that sd meeting was kept up to ſatiſfaction, and that sd Preſerved requeſteth that the meeting might be continued at his houſe as heretofore. Upon which we continue sd meeting until the fourth month next and the former Committee they then to report

The Clerk informs that hath forwarded a Coppy of the minute for ſubſcription to each preparative meeting agreable to directi

The Committee in care of Taunton meeting not being prepared to make a full report. Therefore sd meeting is continued with the Committee who are deſired to report to next monthly meeting.—

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanſey the 6th of the 1st month 1794.

The accounts from the Preparative meetings being preſented the repreſentatives therein named are for Swanſey Daniel Brayton, & Stephen Slead, for Freetown Adonijah Upton, and William Boyce; who being called are all preſent except William Boyce, who by indiſpoſition of body is abſent.

Received the printed Epiſtle from the yearly meeting of Friends held in London for the year 1793 which was read in this to good ſatiſfaction.

The Committee in care of the caſe of Edmond Eattes as repreſented by the monthly meeting of Rhode Iſland report as follows. We the Committee in the caſe of Edmond Eastes have had an opportunity with him on that account and he appears not to have a deſire to be continued under friends care. alſo we have to inform that he has married a woman not of our Society.—

Moses Buffinton
Jonathan Chase 2d

Whereupon the Clerk is directed to forward a Coppy of this minute to Rhode Iſland monthly meeting and report to next monthly meeting.

The friends appointed to inſpect into the Conduct of thoſe friends that dealt in Spirituous Lyquors not being prepared to make report they are continued for that ſervice and to report to our next monthly meeting.

The Committee to inſpect into the ſituation of the poor as directed by our laſt yearly meetings Epiſtle not being ready to report they are continued and deſired to report thereof to next mo'ly meeting.

In reſpect to thoſe Books that are on hand with the Overſeers of the poor they are directed to diſpoſe of them and forward the money into the Treaſury of this meeting and report when it is accompliſhed.

The Committee continued to procure a ſtove for this houſe report that they have accompliſhed it which with ſome ſmall repairs to this houſe amounts to Six pounds Sixteen Shillings & two pence which appears to be ſatiſfyed.

The Committee in care of the meeting at Taunton made the following report (viz) We the Committee in care of that meeting at Taunton inform that the ſame has been kept up alſo thoſe that attend ſd meeting requeſt that it may be continued which we think would be ſafe as heretofore which we ſubmit.

Adonijah Upton
Clark Purinton
Caleb Earl,
Benja. Buffinton,
Isaac Woodward,
Benja. Buffinton Jr.

Upon which we continue that meeting as heretofore until the fourth month next and alſo the Committee who are deſired then to report

The Queries and Anſwers from the preparative meetings was read in this and general Anſwers with the account are ſent up to the Quarterly meeting by our repreſentatives who are Theophilus Shove jur. Daniel Brayton, & Adonijah Upton, who are deſired to report of their attendance at our next monthly meeting.

Swanſey preparative meeting inform that they have raiſed Two pounds One Shillings & Six pence toward defraying the charge of moving and to rebuild the meeting houſe at Freetown which is directed into the hands of the Committee for that purpoſe.

Freetown preparative meeting inform that they have collected One pound two Shillings & three pence towards the yearly meetings Stock which is lodged in the Clerk's hands.

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 3d day of the 2d month 1794.

The repreſentatives from the Preparative meetings as by their accounts appear are for Swanſey Nathan Chaſe, & Jonathan Chaſe Jr. for Freetown James Law, & Adonijah Upton, who being called are all preſent.

Daniel Brayton, inform'd that he hath not forwarded the proceedings of this meeting with Edmond Eaſtes to the monthly meeting of Friends of Rhode Island therefore he is continued for that service and report to next monthly meeting. —

The Committee continued to inspect into the conduct of those friends that dealt in Spirituous Lyquor inform that they have attended to their appointment, but not being prepared to make a full report they are continued for the same service and are desired to report at our next monthly meeting. —

The Committee continued to inspect into the Circumstances of the poor how they are furnished with Books &c. not being fully prepared to make a report they are continued for that service and are desired to make report to our next monthly meeting —

The Representatives to the last Quarterly meeting inform that they all attended and produced an Extract from said meeting as followeth.

Uxbridge monthly meeting in their account inform that the meeting house at Leicester is finished the cost of which is One hundred Twenty & three pounds, Towards which they have paid Forty seven pounds, seventeen shillings & Eight pence and that the assistance of this meeting towards the remainder will be acceptable it is therefore recommended to the several monthly meetings to subscribe thereto in their freedom and forward to said meeting and an account to next Quarter. — and the Clerk is directed to send each monthly meeting a Coppy of this minute. —

Coppy Extracted from the Minutes of a Quarterly meeting held at Somerset for Rhode Island the 9th of the 1st month 1791. —

Upon which the several preparative meetings are desired to subscribe in freedom and the Clerk is directed to furnish each said meeting with a Coppy of this minute, and report thereof to next mo'ly meeting

Swansey preparative meeting presented the following information (viz.) Whereas Gardner Chase hath kept company and proceeded in marriage with a woman not a member of our Society who hath been labour'd with. —

Daniel Brayton, —
Benjamin Buffinton, —

Upon which Benjamin Slead and William Lawton are appointed to treat with him upon the subject and report thereof to next mo'ly meeting

The Overseers of the poor presented the following account. — We have assisted poor Friends to the amount of Two pounds Nineteen Shillings more than has been paid by the meeting up to this present time. —

Jonathan Chase 2d
John Chase, —

Upon which the ~~the~~ several preparative meetings are desired to subscribe to raise the sum of Eight pounds to supply our

Treaſury and the Clerk is directed to furniſh each preparative meeting with a Coppy hereof and report to next monthly meeting.

The Committee to provide hay and wood &c. for the Quarterly meeting's uſe preſented the following account. (viz.) Theſe may inform that we have been to the Expence of three pounds, ſix ſhilling for hay and wood &c for the uſe of the Quarterly meeting.

Clark Purinton, jun.
Daniel Chaſe, jun.
Benjamin Mead,

Which is refer'd to next monthly meeting.

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At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 3d day of the 3d month 1794.

The preparative meetings accounts being preſented the Repreſentatives therein named are for Swanſey Daniel Chaſe, jun & John Buffinton, for Freetown John Boſe, & Adonijah Upton who being called are preſent except Adonijah Upton.

Daniel Brayton informs that he hath not had an opportunity to forward the proceeding of this meeting with Edmund Eaſtis to the monthly meeting of Friends at Rhode Iſland he is again continued for that ſervice and to report to our next monthly meeting.

The Committee that was continued to treat with thoſe friends that dealt in ſpirituous Lyquors not being prepared to make a full report they are continued for that ſervice and are deſired to report to our next monthly meeting.

The Committee to inſpect into the Circumſtances of poor friends agreeable to the yearly meetings advice, reported which is accepted and is as followeth. We have inſpected into the Circumſtances of the poor agreeable to the yearly meetings advice and find Friends are generally ſupplyed.

Jonathan Chaſe,
Aſa Chaſe,
John Chaſe,

The Clerk informs that he hath forwarded the coppys of minuts for ſubſcriptions agreeable to direction.

One of the Committee to treat with Gardner Chaſe informs that they have attended to their appointment notwithſtanding ſaid Committee are continued to further treat with him and report thereof to our next monthly meeting.

The matter refer'd at our laſt monthly meeting reſpecting the expence of the Quarterly meeting held at Somerſet Now being approved is forwarded to the Quarterly meetings Treaſurer by John Chaſe for pay.

Swansey Preparative meeting presented the following information To the Preparative meeting of Friends held at Somerset. — Whereas there is a dispute subsisting between Jonathan Chase, of Somerset, and Weston Earl, in respect to Interest and the sd Jonathan, neglects settleing the same; notwithstanding he hath been labour'd with from time to time. —

Daniel Brayton in —
behalf of the Overseers —

Upon which Joseph Slead, & Moses Buffinton, are appointed to labour with him to settle said dispute with the sd Weston, and report thereof to our next monthly meeting. —

Said Preparative meeting also informs that Obadiah Chase, requests a removeal Certificate for himself and family likewise Moses Buffinton, Junr. requested one for himself to the Monthly meeting of Friends on Rhode Island upon which we appoint Theophelus Shove Junr and Daniel Brayton to inquire into their Circumstances and prepare Certificates for them if not any thing appears to obstruct and bring to our next monthly meeting.

The Overseers inform this meeting that William Slead is keeping company in order for marriage with one that is not a member of our Society, who hath been precautioned. Upon which this meeting appoints Benjamin Slead, and Moses Buffinton to labour with him to reclaim him and report thereof to next monthly meeting.

Swansey Preparative meeting hath collected and sent up One pound Two Shillings & four pences towards the building of Leicester Meeting House which is lodged with the Clerk. —

4 At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 7th of the 4th month 1794.

The accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein Named are for Swansey Moses Buffinton, and Eber Slead, for Freetown Asa Shove, & James Law, who being called are all present. —

Daniel Brayton, inform'd that he hath forwarded the proceedings of this meeting with Edmond Easter agreeable to direction.

The Committee continued to treat with thoſe friends that deall in Spirituous Lyquors not being prepared to make a full report they are continued for that ſervice and report to next monthly meeting.

The Committee continued to labour with Gardner Chaſe, are again continued for that ſervice who are deſired to report at next monthly meetg

John Chaſe, informed that he hath received the money of the Quarterly meetings Treaſurer for the expences of the laſt Quarter which is delivered to the Committee that provided for ſaid Quarter.

The Committee to treat with Jonathan Chaſe, on account of the complaint of Weſton Earl, inform that they have attended to that matter notwithſtanding they are continued to have the care of that matter and Aſa Chaſe, is added to ſd Committee who are deſired to report their judgement at our next monthly meeting.

The Committee to prepare Certificates on behalf of Obediah Chaſe, and his family and Moſes Buffinton Jur. to the Monthly meeting of friends on Rhode Iſland, preſented them which are approved of and ſigned by the Clerk and John Chaſe, is appointed to forward ſaid Certificates to ſd monthly meeting and report to our next monthly meeting

The Queries and Anſwers from the Preparative meetings being read and general Anſwers ſent up with an account to the Quarterly meeting by our repreſentatives who are Benjamin Mead, Adonijah Upton, and William Lawton, they are deſired to report of their attendance to next monthly meeting.

Swanſey Preparative meeting inform that Stephen Earle, hath neglected the attendance of our Religious meetings and his appearance as to dreſs and addreſs is ſuch that doth not become the members of our Society. Upon which we appoint William Lawton, and David Earle, to labour with him for his recovery and report to next monthly meetg

Said Preparative meeting alſo informed that Caleb Earle, ſon of Weſton, hath for a long time been in the neglect of the attendance of our Religious meetings and his appearance as to dreſs and addreſs is ſuch that doth not become the members of our Society who hath been laboured with, but gives not any incouragement of an amendment. Upon which we appoint Benjamin Mead, and Benjamin Buffinton, to labour with him for his recovery and make report to our next monthly meeting.

The Committee in care of that meeting at Taunton made the following report (viz.) — We the Committee in care of that meeting held at Taunton, report that s^d. meeting has been kept up and we think it beſt that the meeting be continued. —

Adonijah Upton,
Benjamin Buffinton, 2^d
Iſaac Woodward,
Caleb Earl,
Clark Purinton,
Benjamin Buffinton,

Upon which we continue that meeting as heretofore, alſo the Committee until the tenth month next who are deſired then to report. —

The Committee in care of that meeting at Preſerved Brayton's made the following report (viz.) We who were intruſted with the care of that meeting at Preſerved Brayton's, report that the ſame hath been kept up in a good degree reputable and think that the continuance of a meeting at that place may be of uſe which the family appears diſpoſed to accommodate with freedom. all which we ſubmit. —

Elizabeth Chaſe,
Mary Earl,
Moſes Buffinton,
John Chaſe, —

Upon which we continue that meeting as heretofore until the tenth month, except the ſixth month alſo the Committee, who are deſired then to report.

The Overſeers preſented the following information (viz) Whereas Samuel Mead hath almoſt wholely neglected the attendance of our meeting for diſcipline and charged the meeting with having falſe records who hath been laboured with. —

Daniel Brayton, —
Benjamin Buffinton, 2^d

Upon which we appoint Benjamin Earle, William Lawton, George Shove, Aſa Shove, & Amaſa Chaſe, to treat and labour with him as way opens and report to next monthly meeting.

This meeting having collected One pound two Shillings & four pence towards the building of the meeting houſe at Leiceſter which is ſent by our repreſentatives and an account thereof to next Quarterly meeting. —

The Committee to treat with William Mead inform that they are not in a capacity to report who are ~~deſired~~ continued to further treat with him & report to next monthly meeting. —

Adonijah Upton rendered ſatisfactory reaſons for his abſence at laſt monthly meeting. —

Swanſey Preparative meeting inform that they have collected Two pounds Eighteen Shillings, & one penny towards the

Yearly meetings Stock also Freetown Preparative meeting hath heretofore collected One pound two shillings & four pence which was lodged in the hands of the Clerk, being presented makes Four pounds & five pence and there remains Fourteen shillings short of our proportion of sd meetings Stock - which the Representatives to the Quarterly meeting are directed to draw out of our Treasury and forward to the Yearly meetings Treasury.

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At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 5th day of the 5th month 1794.

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings as by their accounts appear are for Swansey Jonathan Earle, & John Robinson, for Freetown George Shove & William Boyce, who being called are all present except William Boyce, whose absence appears to be occasioned by bodily indisposition in his family.

The Committee continued to treat with those friends that deal in spirituous Lyquors not being prepared to report are continued for that service who are desired to report to next monthly meeting

The Committee continued to labour with Gardner Chase, not being prepared to make a full report they are again continued to further labour with him and to report at our next monthly meeting.

The Committee to treat with Jonathan Chase made the following report (viz) We your Committee in the case of Jonathan Chase have attended to that matter had the parties together more then once and used our endeavours to have the controversy subsisting between them settled by Arbitrators or otherways which hath not had the desired effect. tho Jonathan offered to leave sd case to three men but sd Ruston nominated for a third man in that case.

Joseph Slead.
Moses Buffinton,

Upon which this meeting dismisses the Asa Chase matter.

The Representatives inform that they all attended the last Quarterly meeting.

John Chase informed that he hath forwarded the Certificates on behalf of Obadiah Chase, and Moses Buffinton, jur. agreeable to appointment.

The Committee to labour with Stephen Earle, not having had a sufficient opportunity with him they are

Continued for that service and desired to report at our next monthly meeting.

The Committee to labour with Caleb Earle 2d inform that they have not had an opportunity with him therefore they are continued for that service and report to our next monthly meeting.

The Committee in the case of Samuel Mead made report that they had attended to their appointment notwithstanding they are continued to further labour with him and report to our next monthly meeting.

The Committee continued to labour with William Mead, report that they have attended to their appointment. notwithstanding they are again continued to further labour with him and desired to report their prospect to our next monthly meeting.

Received from the Monthly meeting of Uxbridge the following (viz) - Dear friends, The within named Robert Mead, having resided several years within the verge of this meeting with a coppy of a minute from your monthly meeting, & now has returned to you again we there recommend him to your care as a member of our Society.

Signed in & on behalf of our Monthly meeting held at Uxbridge 28th of 3d mo. 1794 } By Josiah Shove, Clerk

Swansey Preparative meeting inform that they have nominated Jonathan Chase, 2d William Lawton and Benjamin Mead to the place of overseers of the poor who are approved of and appointed for that Service.

Freetown Preparative meeting inform that James Law – proposes to offer his intentions of marriage with Abigail Law at this meeting, who appeared with her and declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage who are desired to wait until our next monthly meeting for answer. Adonijah Upton and George Shove, are appointed to see into his Clearness respecting of marrage and report to our next monthly meeting.

Oliver Chase, inform'd us that he had thoughts of residing some time within the verge of the monthly meeting of East-Hoosuck which we approve of and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a coppy of this minute

Freetown Preparative meeting hath collected one pound Seven shillings and one penny for the support of the poor which is ordered into our Treasury.

The Overseers of the poor presented the following account (viz) We have assisted poor friends to the amount of Two pounds fourteen shillings and three pence more than has been allow'd by the meeting up to this time. — By us Jonathan Chase 2d:
John Chase —

and they are directed to draw the same out of our Treasury.

Benjamin Slead, produced the following receipt (viz) Received of Swansey monthly Meeting by the hand of Benjamin Slead, Four pounds fourteen shillings and five pence Lawfull Money for the yearly meeting stock the 9th of the 4th mo 1794. — pr Caleb Greene, Treasurer.

William Lawton also produced the following receipt viz — Received of Swansey monthly meeting by the hand of William Lawton, One pound two shillings & four pence Lawful money for Uxbridge monthly meeting to defray the expence of building Leicester meeting house. — By — Josiah Shove,

10th of 4th mo 1794.

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 2d day of the 6th month 1794.

The accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Swansey Silas Chase, & Nathan Chase, for Freetown, Edmond Anthony, & George Shove who being called are all present.

The Committee continued to treat with those friends that deal in Spirituous Lyquers not being prepared to report, are again continued for that service and desired to report at next monthly meeting.

The Committee to labour with Gardner Chase, not being prepared to report are again Continued and desired to report thereof to our next monthly meeting.

The Committee continued to labour with Stephen Earle, are again continued and desired to report at our next monthly meeting

The Committee continued to labour with Caleb Earle, 2d not being prepared to report are again continued and desired to report at our next monthly meeting.

The Committee continued to labour with Samuel Mead, not being prepared to report are again continued for that ſervice and — report thereof to our next monthly meeting. —

The Committee continued to labour with William Mead, reported which is accepted and is as followeth. viz We who were intruſted in care of the matter relative to William Mead's accompanying with a young woman on account of marriage not of our ſociety have had ſeveral opportunities with him on that account who gives no encouragement of forbearing his proceedings as aforeſaid.

Moſes Buffinton,
Benjamin Mead,

The conſideration of which is referd to our next monthly meeting

The friends to inquire into the clearneſs of James Shaw respecting of marriage report that not any thing appears to hinder his ſaid intention who accordingly appeared in this meeting and continues his former intention who is left to proceed therein according to the good order uſed amongſt friends, Edward Shove, & Adonijah Lapham, are appointed to ſee ſaid marriage decently conſumated, and report thereof at next monthly meeting.

Freetown Preparative meeting preſented an acknowledgement from Samuel Shove, which is as followeth. (viz)

Reſpected friends— Whereas I have ſo far given way to temptation as to defile the marriage bed as appears by my wife's having a Child ſo ſoon after marriage which conduct I am ſorry for and do condemn and deſire friends to paſs it by, and continue me under their care; —

Samuel Shove, —

Upon which we appoint Moſes Buffinton, Jonathan Chaſe, 2d & Nathan Chaſe, to inquire into the ſincerity of the ſame and report thereof to next monthly meeting. —

Said meeting alſo inform that they have nominated George Shove, and Ezariah Shove, to the place of Overſeers of the poor, which this meeting approves of and they are accordingly appointed to that place: —

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At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 7th day of the 7th month 1794. —

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings as by their accounts appear are for Swansey Stephen Chase, and Clark Purinton, jun: for Freetown Adonijah Upton, and Edward Shove, who being called are all present. —

The Committee continued to treat with those friends that dealt in Spirituous Lyquors made the following report (viz)

We your Committee to inspect into the conduct of those friends that deal in and hand out Spirituous Lyquors have attended to our appointment and there appears several friends in said practices who appear in some degree to be advisable by friends.

Hannah Chase, } Moses Buffinton,
Abigail Lawton } Adonijah Upton,
Bethany Buffinton } Edward Shove,
Daniel Brayton. —

upon which said Committee are continued to advise with those friends that are still in said practices and make report thereof in the tenth month next. —

The Committee continued to labour with Gardner Chase report that they have had an oppertunity with him who appeard in a disposition to Condemn his outgoings who hath also presented a paper of Condemnation to this meeting the consideration of which is refer'd to our next monthly meeting. —

The Committee to labour with ~~Enoch~~ Stephen Earle, report that they have had an oppertunity with him notwithstanding they are again Continued to have the care of that matter and desired to report at our next monthly meeting

The Committee continued to labour with Caleb Earle, 2d report that they have not had an oppertunity with him therefore they are continued for the same service and report thereof to our next monthly meeting. —

The Committee continued in the case of Samuel Stead, report that they have had several oppertunitys with him notwithstanding they are again continued to further labour with him and report thereof to our next monthly meeting. —

The report of the Committee in the case of William Stead is again refer'd to our next monthly meeting by a request of a friend of this meeting. —

The friends to have the care of the marriage of James Law inform'd that it appeared to be decently consumated.

The Committee to take an opportunity with Samuel Shove made the following report. (viz) — Agreeable to appointment we have had an opportunity with Samuel Shove; who appears in a good degree sensible of his misconduct.

Moses Buffinton,
Nathan Chase,
Jonathan Chase,

which this meeting accepts of for satisfation provided he comply with his acknowledgement being made publick as follows. — Adonijah Upton is appointed to see that said acknowledgement is publickly read at the Close of a meeting for worship at Freetown and make report thereof to next monthly meeting.

Swansey Preparative meeting inform that Apphalis Eddy requests the care of friends of himself & Children, the consideration of which is refer'd to our next monthly meeting.

Said meeting also inform that they have collected six pounds two shillings & Nine pence and forwarded to our Treasury. —

Freetown Preparative meeting likewise inform that they have collected Ten shillings & six pence which is directed into our Treasury.

1794 At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 4th of the 8th month 1794

The accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Swansey Benjamin Slead and Asa Chase, for Freetown Edmond Anthony & George Shove who being called are well present. Except Asa Chase, & Edmond Anthony who hath sent satisfactory reasons their absence. —

Adonijah Upton inform that the acknowledgement from Samuel Shove, hath been publickly read agreeable to direction which is accepted of for satisfaction.

The paper that Gardner Chase, presented at our last monthly meeting comming under the Consideration of this is accepted of for Satisfaction.

The Committee continued in the case of Stephen Eddy, made the following report (viz) We your Committee have had an oppertunity with Stephen Earle, and he gives ſome encouragement of amendment.

William Lawton,
David Earle,

upon which we continue said Committee to have the care of that caſe and to report in the tenth month next.

The Committee continued to labour with Caleb Earle 2d reports that they have had an oppertunity with him who did not appear in a diſpoſition to condemn his miſconduct upon which we diſown unity with him and do not conſider him any longer as a member of our Society until there appears a ſincere return in him and John Chaſe is appointed to inform him thereof.

The Committee continued to labour with Samuel Mead made the following report which is accepted of. (viz) We your Committee in the caſe of Samuel Mead have had ſeveral oppertunitys with him and laboured to convince him of the inconſiſtancy of his conduct as ſetforth in the Complaint against him notwithſtanding our labour and waiting from time to time for his conſideration on the ſubject there appears but little or no Diſpoſition in him to make friends ſatiſfaction.

Amasa Chaſe
Benjn Earle
George Shove,
Asa Shove,
William Lawton,

Upon which we diſown unity with him and Benjamin Mead, is appointed to inform him thereof.

The conſideration of proceeding in judgement againſt William Mead is refer'd to our next monthly meeting by his requeſt and Jonathan Chaſe, 2d is appointed to inform him thereof.

The Conſideration of Appollis Eddy's requeſt is refer'd to our next monthly meeting by reaſon of his not being preſent.

Swanſey Preparative meeting inform that John Anthony propoſes to offer his intention of marriage with Abigail Chaſe, who accordingly appeared with her, and produced consent of parents and declared his intention of taking her in marriage they were deſired to wait until our next monthly meeting for an Anſwer Benjamin Mead, & Daniel Brayton, are appointed to inquire into his clearneſs reſpecting of marriage and report thereof to our next monthly meeting.

The Queries, and Anſwers from the Preparative meetings was read in this from which, general Anſwers were compiled and ſent up with the account to our next Quarterly meeting by our repreſentatives who are

are Nathan Chase, Edward Shove, and John Chase, who are desired to report of their attendance at our next monthly meeting.

The Overseers inform that the time of their appointment is expired upon which we direct that the Clerk inform each Preparative meeting thereof for their nominating suitable persons for that purpose and send up their names to our next monthly meeting.

The Committee appointed long since in consequence of Jonathan Chase 2d's request for his Children is desired to report at our next monthly meeting.

The Overseers of the poor presented an account of Two pounds twelve shillings which is accepted and they directed to draw the money out of the Treasury.

Benjamin Mead inform'd that there was Six shillings of the meetings money in his hands also Jonathan Chase 2d. says that he has nine shillings & four pence which is order'd into our Treasury.

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At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 1st day of the 9th mo. 1794.

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings as by their accounts appears are for Swansey Benjamin Buffinton and Job Chase, for Freetown James Law & Adonijah Upton who being called are all present.

John Chase, inform'd that he hath informed Caleb Earle, of this meetings proceedings against him according to appointment.

Benjamin Mead, reported that he hath inform'd Samuel Mead, of this meetings proceedings against him, & said Samuel appears and inform'd that he appeal'd from the judgement of this meeting also requesteth a Coppy of his denial; Daniel Brayton and Benjamin Buffinton, are appointed to furnish him with one; George Shove, Benjamin Mead, & Nathan Chase, are appointed to represent the proceedings of our meeting in regard to Samuel Mead, to next Quarterly meeting.

Jonathan Chase 2d. reported that he hath informed William Mead, of this meetings forbearing proceeding in Judgement againſt him in Conſequence of his requeſt and he not appearing to make ſatiſfaction for his conduct. therefore we diſown Unity with him until there appear a ſincere return and Benjamin Mead is appointed to inform him thereof.

The matter reſpecting of Appollis Eddys requeſt comming under Conſideration upon which we appoint Edward Shove, and Benjamin Buffinton to take a ſolid opportunity with him and report to our next monthly meeting their proſpect –

The friends to inquire into the Clearneſs of Job Anthony 2d reſpecting marriage report that not any thing appears to hinder who appear'd with Abigail Chaſe and continued their intention of marriage they are left at liberty to proceed therein according to the good order Eſtabliſhed amongſt friends and Daniel Brayton, & Moses Buffinton, are appointed to ſee ſaid marriage decently conſummated and report to next monthly meeting.

The Repreſentatives to the laſt Quarterly meeting report that they all attended and preſented the Epiſtle of our laſt yearly meeting which was read in this to good ſatiſfaction, alſo ſome minutes of ſaid meeting as Rules of Diſcipline which they direct to be Entered on all our books of Diſcipline under the head Marriage — whereupon Daniel Brayton, & George Shove, are appointed for that Service and report when accompliſhed.

And alſo our proportion of the yearly meetings Stock which is Four pounds fourteen shillings & five pence and the Clerk is directed to furniſh each preparative meeting with a Coppy hereof for ſubſcription and make report to next monthly meeting

Daniel Brayton, inform'd that he forwarded an information to the Preparative meetings in reſpect to the nomination of Overſeers. alſo one of the repreſentatives from Swanſey Preparative meeting inform'd that it was under their care and Freetown Preparative meeting inform that they have nominated George Shove, & Adonijah Tipton, to the place of Overſeers the approving thereof is refer'd to our next monthly meeting

The Committee in the caſe of Jonathan Chaſe 2ds requeſt made the following report which this meeting accepts of (viz)

We your Committee long since appointed in consequence of the request of Jonathan Chase 2d for his Children to be under friends care have attended to that matter & find that his request still continues not only for them then named but for several others since born —
Hannah Chase
Caleb Earle,
Benjamin Buffinton,

upon which Moses Buffinton, is appointed to join said Committee and make report of their prospect in that case to our next monthly meeting —

The Committee verbally appointed some time past to record our minutes and to procure a book for that purpose presented an account to this meeting of Two pounds One shilling and Eight pence which is directed to be drawn out of our Treasury. —

We appoint Reuben Chase, and Daniel Brayton, to audit accounts with the Treasurer for the year Ensuing —

Benjamin Slead, informs that the time of his appointment as Treasurer is expired whereupon he is reappointed to that service for the year Ensuing —

10/17 At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 6th day of the 10th month 1794. —

The accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Swanzey Clark Purinton, and Eber Slead, for Freetown Edward Shove & Adonijah Upton, who being called are all present except Eber Slead, who hath rendered a satisfactory reasons for his absence.

Benjamin Slead, reported that he had inform'd William Slead, of this meetings proceedings respecting him agreeable to appointment, and that he requested a Coppy of his denial, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Coppy thereof

The Committee in the case of Appollis Eddy not being prepared to make a report in full are again Continued and report to our next monthly meeting. —

The friends to have the care of the marriage of John Anthony inform'd that it was decently conſumated. —

Daniel Brayton, inform'd that he hath forwarded Coppys of the minutes of the meeting to each preparative meeting agreeable to direction

The approving of the nomination for Overſeers is again continued for further conſideration. —

The Committee in the caſe of Jonathan Chaſe, 2d requeſt not being prepar'd to make report are again continued to have the care of that matter and report to our next monthly meeting. —

The Committee to have the care of the meeting at Taunton, reports which is accepted and is as follows. — We in care of the meeting at Taunton have attended thereto, and it appears the meeting hath been kept up reputably and it alſo appears to us it may be well to continue that meeting with reſtrictions under the care of a Committee to report Quarterly or at other times as the Occaſion requires which we ſubmit. —

Hannah Earle,
Abigail Lawton,
Eliſabeth Chaſe,

Caleb Earle,
Benjamin Buffinton,
Clark Purinton,
Benjamin Buffinton, 2d
Adonijah Upton,
Iſaac Woodward,

Upon which we continue the meeting agreeable to the above report, alſo ſaid Committee, who are deſired to report in the first month next. —

The Committee appointed in care of the meeting at Preſerved Brayton's made the following report which we accept viz —

We your Committee to attend the meeting at Preſerved Brayton's have attended thereto, which hath been Reputably kept up and it appears to us it may well that a meeting be granted to hold ſo as to accommodate that Quarter which we ſubmit. —

Elizabeth Chaſe,
Mary Earle,

John Chaſe,
Moſes Buffinton,

The conſideration of a meeting being granted agreeable to their report is referr'd to next monthly meeting. —

The Committee continued in the caſe of Stephen Earle inform that they have not had an opportunity with him ſince their last Continuation, — upon which they are directed to attend to that matter with the addition of Moſes Buffinton and report thereof to our next monthly meeting. —

The Committee continued to labour with those friends that dealt in Spirituous Liquors being called upon who it appears are not prepared to make a ſatiſfactory report upon which they are continued to labour in that caſe as way oppens and report thereof to our next monthly meeting.

The Queries and the Anſwers from the Preparative meetings was read in this from which general anſwers were prepared and sent up to the Quarterly meeting with the account by our repreſentatives who are Benjamin Mead, Moſes Buffinton, and Benjamin Buffinton Jur

The Womens meeting inform that there aroſe a concern in their Preparative meeting concerning the memorial of ſome Deceaſed Friends who belonged to this meeting which was forwarded to their Monthly meeting and they requeſted our weighty conſideration of the ſubject. — Whereupon we appoint Theophilus Shove, Jur Daniel Brayton, Jonathan Chaſe, 2d and Moſes Buffinton, to aſsiſt them therein.

The Committee to audit accounts with the Treaſurer preſented the following (viz.) We your Committee have audited the Treaſurers account up to this date and find due from the meeting to the Treaſurer One pound Seventeen Shillings & Eight pence — Somerſet 6th of 10th mo. 1794 } Reuben Chaſe, Daniel Brayton,

Upon which we direct to raiſe Twelve pounds including the ſum already recommended down, — and the Clerk is directed to furniſh each preparative meeting with a copy of this minute.

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1794

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 3d of 11th mo 1794

The accounts from the Preparative meetings being preſented the Repreſentatives therein named are for Swanſey Gideon Chaſe, & Stephen Mead, for Freetown John Boyce, and Edmond Anthony who being called are all preſent.

Daniel Brayton, informs that the time of his appointment as Clerk is up upon which we direct that representatives consider of a suitable person for that purpose and report his name to next monthly meeting, & also an assistant Clerk.

Our esteemed friend John Wigham attended this meeting who produced a Certificate from the monthly meeting of Friends held at Aberdeen in North Britton, and a concurring one from the half years meeting held at Edenburgh, for North Britain, also one from the Yearly meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London all which were expressive of their unity with him as a minister also his concern to pay a Religious visit to North America which were read to good satisfaction and his religious labours amongst us to our mutual Comfort and edification,

The Committee continued in the case of Appollos Eddy reported that they had attended to their appointment notwithstanding they are again continued to further discourse him who are desired to report to our next monthly meeting.

The approving of the nommination of Overseers brought from Freetown preparative meeting is again refered to our next monthly meeting.

The Continuation of the meeting held at Preserved Braytons is again refered to our next monthly meeting. Moses Buffinton, and Jonathan Chase 2d are appointed to confer with those friends that attend sd meeting and consider of the time and place most suitable for said meeting and report to next monthly meeting.

The Committee continued in case of Stephen Earle, are again continued who are desired to attend to their appointment and report to next monthly meeting.

The Committee continued to treat with those friends that deal in Spirituous Lyquors made report that they have attended to their appointment notwithstanding said Committee are continued to farther labour in that matter and report to our next monthly meeting.

The Repreſentatives inform that they all attended the Quarterly meeting agreable to appointment.

The Committee in the caſe of Jonathan Chaſe 2d requeſt reported that they have paid attention to their appointment. notwithſtanding they are again continued and to report at our next monthly meeting.

Daniel Brayton informed that he hath forwarded Coppies of the minute to the Preparative meeting agreable to direction

Freetown Preparative inform that Edward Shove, requeſts a Certificate for his his ſon Joſeph to the monthly meeting at Eaſt hoo ſuck. alſo that Anne Brayley requeſted one for her ſon John to the monthly meeting of Sandwich, where upon Adonijah Upton, & John Boyce, are appointed to prepare Certificates for them and preſent to next monthly meeting

The Overſeers of the poor informe that they have expended upon the poor Two pounds Twelve ſhillings up to this Date who are directed to draw on the Treaſury of this meeting for the money.

12/1st At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 1st of 12th mo: 1794.

The account from Swanſey Preparative meeting being preſented the repreſentatives therein named are Nathan Chaſe, & Job Eddy who being called Nathan Chaſe preſent. The account alſo from Freetown Preparative meeting being now preſented the repreſentatives therein named are Adonijah Upton, & Edward Shove who being called are both preſent.

The Repreſentatives reported that they have conferred with Daniel Brayton, on account of his ſerving this meeting as Clerk which we approve of and appoint him for that purpoſe for the year Enſuing.

The Epiſtle from the yearly meeting of Friends in London held from the 19th to the 28th of the 5th month 1794 incluſive was read in this to good ſatiſfaction.

The Committee continued in the caſe of Appollos Eddy's Requeſt reported which is approved of & is as followeth.

We your Committee appointed in reſpect to Appollas Eddy & Wife's requeſt have attended to our appointment. Notwithſtanding we think it may be ſafe to continue the matter the ſpace of two months which we ſubmit to the meeting.

Signed in behalf of the Committee By {Benjamin Buffinton,
Hannah Earle,

and sd Committee are continued to have the care of that caſe and report in the ſecond month next.

The approving of the nomination of Overſeers brought up from Freetown Preparative meeting is again refered to next meeting

The friends to confer with thoſe friends that attend the meeting held at Preſerved Brayton's reported that they have attended to their appointment and propoſed that ſaid meeting be continued as uſal at Preſerved's and at the ſame time as heretofore which we approve of to be held until the fourth month next. John Chaſe, & Moſes Buffinton, are appointed to have the care of sd meeting and report in 4th month

The Committee continued in the caſe of Stephen Eddy, reported that part of them had attended to their appointment upon which they are deſired to take another oppertunity with him to diſcover the ſtate of his mind and report thereof in the ſecond month next.

The Committee continued in the caſe of Spirituous Lyquors not being prepared to make a ſatiſfactory report they are deſired to pay diligent attention to their appoint=ment and report to our next monthly meeting.

The Committee in the caſe of Jonathan Chaſe 2d requeſt not being prepared to report they are again continued & deſired to report at our next monthly meeting.

A Certificate on behalf of Joſeph Shove, to the monthly meeting of Friends at Eaſt Hooſuck was ſigned by the Clerk, alſo one on behalf of John Brayley, to the monthly meeting of Friends at Sandwich was ſigned by the Clerk, & Adonijah Upton, is appointed to forward ſaid Certificates to places directed.

Swanſey preparative meeting inform that they had Nominated Daniel Brayton, Benjamin Buffinton 2d & Benjamin Slead to the place of Overſeers which we approve of and appoint them for that ſervice for the year Enſuing.

Likewiſe ſaid meeting inform that Iſaiah Chaſe, hath meaſurably departed from our teſtimony in dreſs and addreſs and married with one not a member of our Society who hath been laboured with, upon which we appoint William Lawton & Theophilus Shove jur to labour with him for his recovery and report their proſpect of the ſtate of his mind in the fifth month next or ſooner if opportunity preſents as he is now abſent.

Freetown preparative meeting inform that Edward Shove, requeſted a Certificate on behalf of his ſon Theophilus to the monthly meeting of Friends at Sandwich and that Anna Brayley alſo requeſted a Certificate on behalf of her ſons David & Joſiah to the monthly meeting of Friends at Vaſſelborough. Adonijah Upton, Clark Purinton jur and Daniel Brayton, are appointed to prepare ſaid Certificates and bring them to our next monthly meeting if nothing appear to obſtruct.

Swanſey preparative meeting inform that they had raiſed Six pounds three shillings & six pence and Freetown sd meeting hath collected Two pounds six Shillings and ten pence which sd. ſums are directed into the Treaſury

Jonathan Chaſe, 2d. Benjamin Slead, & Clark Purinton, jur. are appointed to make ſome repairs on this houſe and provide fire wood, & hay for the Quarterly meeting uſe, and ſuch other things as appears neceſſary and preſent their account when accompliſhed.

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At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 5th of 1st mo. 1795.

The accounts from the Preparative meetings being preſented the repreſentatives therein named are for Swanſey David Earle & Benjamin Slead, for Freetown Edmund Anthony & John Boyce who being called are all preſent except David Earle, for whom ſatiſfactory reaſons hath been render'd for his abſence.

Job Eddy gave ſatiſfactory reaſons for his abſence at our laſt monthly meeting.

The Committee to treat with thoſe friends that deal in Spirituous Lyquors made a report in a degree ſatiſfactory and ſaid Committee again continued to further ~~labour~~ adviſe and aſſiſt ſuch friends as are not clear of that infringement and report in the fourth month next.

The matter long refer'd from time to time reſpecting the approving of George Shove, & Adonijah Upton, to the place of Overſeers brought from Freetown Preparative meeting is now approved of and they are appointed for that ſervice for the year Enſuing

The Committee continued in the caſe of Jonathan Chaſe 2d. requeſt not being prepared to make report are again continued and deſired to report to next monthly meeting

Adonijah Upton, informd that he hath forwarded the Certificate on behalf of Joseph Shove to the place directed — that on behalf of John Brayley an opportunity not presenting he is continued for that Service —

A Certificate on behalf of Theophilus Shove, son of Edward to the monthly meeting of Friends at Sandwich being presented is approved & signed by the Clerk and Adonijah Upton is appointed to forward said Certificate to the place directed —

The friends to prepare Certificates on behalf of David, and Josiah Brayley, not having prepared them they are continued for that service and desired to present them to our next monthly meeting if nothing obstruct. —

The Queries and Answers from the Preparative meetings was read in this and general Answers sent up to the Quarterly meeting with an account by our Representatives who are Jonathan Chase, 2d Moses Buffinton, & Adonijah Upton, this meeting directs that each Preparative meeting subscribe in their freedom to make out the sum of eleven pounds ten shillings the sum yet due for removing and rebuilding the meeting House at Freetown, and the Clerk is directed to furnish each preparative meeting with a coppy of this minute. —

The Treasurer of this meeting is directed to pay unto the Representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting our proportion of the yearly meeting Stock. —

Received the following information from the subscribers (viz) To the Preparative and Monthly meeting of Friends at Swansey Esteemed Friends, — We enter this as a Complaint against Joseph Slead a member of your meeting for neglecting and Refusing to perform the judgment of Arbitrators that settled a matter in dispute between Jo Mead and his wife as heirs to the Estate of John Borden Deceased; and we the subscribers as heirs to Samuel Borden, deceased both parties having promised before sd Arbitrators to abide by & perform their Judgement, and their refusing as above said causes us to enter this Complaint in order for your assistance to their fulfilling their promise

from your well wishing friends — { Anna Durfee,
{ Abigail Sinnet,

Tiverton the 22th of 11th mo 1794

Upon which Moses Buffinton, Caleb Earle, & Adonijah Upton, are appointed to treat with the sd Joseph Mead, to see if can shew sufficient reasons for his not complying with the Judgment of the Arbitrators mentioned in the above Complaint and report to our next monthly meeting.

2/11 At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 2d day of 2d month 1795.

The representatives from the Preparative meetings as by their accounts appear are for Swansey Moses Chase, & John Chase, for Freetown Adonijah Upton, and James Lee, who being called are all present.

The Committee continued in the case of Jonathan Chase, 2d request reported that they have attended to their appointment notwithstanding are not prepared for a full report they are therefore continued and desired to report at our next monthly meeting.

Daniel Brayton, informed that he hath furnished each Preparative meeting with a Coppy of the minute respecting a subscription, agreeable to direction.

Adonijah Upton, informed that he hath forwarded the Certificate on behalf of John Brayley also that on behalf of Theophilus Shove son of Edward to the monthly meeting of Friends at Sandwich. ——

A Certificate on behalf of Joſiah & David Brayley, was signed in this meeting by the Clerk directed to the monthly meeting of Friends at Vaſsalborough and Moſes Buffinton is appointed to forward ſaid Certificate & report to our next meeting.

The Repreſentatives to attend the laſt Quarterly meeting inform that they all attended agreeable to appointment and produced a minute from sd Quarter in which it appears that our proportion of sd meetings ſtock is Fourteen pounds fourteen ſhillings & two pence which is recommended to each Preparative meeting for ſubſcription. — Likewiſe it is recommended that the ſeveral monthly meetings ſubſcribe in their freedom towards the defraying the Expence of the building of Duglas meeting Houſe and the Clerk is directed to furniſh each Preparative meeting with a Coppy hereof. —

The Committee appointed in reſpect to the Complaint exhibited againſt Joſeph Mead, at our laſt monthly meeting reported that they had paid ſome attention to that matter — notwithſtanding not ready to make a full report, who are continued and they deſired to report to our next monthly meeting. ——

The Friends that had the care of Appollos Eddy's requeſt continued in the twelfth month laſt report that they are not in a capacity to make a full report at this time who are deſired to pay particular attention thereto and report thereof to our next monthly meeting. ——

The Committee continued in the caſe of Stephen Earle reported which is lodged until our next monthly meeting for conſideration. ——

The Committee appointed to make ſome repairs on this Houſe and provide hay & fire wood for the Quarterly meetings uſe reported that the Expence for sd Quarter amounted

to Four pounds eleven shillings which is allowed by this meet
and that for repairs of this houſe is Nine shillings & six pen
Whereupon John Chaſe, is appointed to draw out of the Quarterly meetings Treaſury the above ſum of Four pounds eleven shillings & and that for the repairs of this houſe the Committee is directed to draw out of this meetings Treaſury.

3/1795

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 2d day of the 3d month 1795.

The accounts from the Preparative meetings being preſented the repreſentatives therein named are for Swanſey Jobe Anthony and Benjamin Buffinton 2d; for Freetown George Shove, & Edward Shove, who being called are all preſent.

The Committee continued in the caſe of Jonathan Chaſe 2ds requeſt not being prepared to report at this meeting are again continued to have the care of that matter and report to our next monthly meeting.

Moſes Buffinton informed that he hath not forwarded the Certificates on behalf of David & Joſiah Brayley by reaſon of no opportunity preſenting he is continued to have the care to forward them when opportunity preſents.

Our friend Joſeph Cloud attended this meeting who produced a Certificate from the monthly meeting of Friends at Cane Creek and a concuring one from the Quarterly meeting of Friends held at Center meeting-houſe in North-Carolina which which was read in this meeting to good ſatiſfaction.

Daniel Brayton informed that he hath forwarded to Each Preparative meeting a Coppy of the minutes agreeable to direction

The Committee continued in conſequence of the Complaint againſt Joſeph Shead report that they had attended to their appointment notwithſtanding are not prepared to make report whereupon John Chaſe, & Edward Shove, are added to the Committee who are desired to attend to their appointment and report to our next monthly meeting. —

The Committee continued in the case of Appollis Eddy's request not being prepared to make a report, are again continued and desired to report to next monthly meeting. —

The case of Stephen Earle, is refered to our next monthly meeting by reason of the report of the Committee not being present.

This meeting received an Extract of our last Quarterly meeting minutes which is as followeth. (viz) — The Committee appointed to hear and determine on Samuel Allen's appeal made the following report (viz) We your Committee appointed to hear and determine upon the appeal of Samuel Allen from the Judgement of Swansey monthly meeting having met and fully heard the parties and after deliberately considering the same are of Oppinion that the Judgement of the afore-said meeting be reversed. —

Richard Mowry, Rufus Smith,
Joseph Harris, Elisha Allen,
Samuel Thurston

which is accepted and the Judgement of sd monthly meeting reversed accordingly.

Whereupon a further consideration on the subject is refered to next monthly meeting friends not appearing to be fully satisfied therewith. —

This meeting being informed by a few lines that William Chase and his wife Alice, requesting that her son Buffum Chase be taken under friends care Whereupon Asa Chase, and William Lawton, are appointed to have the care thereof also to consider of their request in reguard to a removal and prepare Certificates for them if nothing appears to obstruct and report to our next monthly meeting. —

Received an information from the Preparative meeting of Freetown that Paul Anthony was about to remove within the verge of Saratoga monthly meeting on the west side of the

the river, and requeſted our Certificate for himſelf & ſons nam
Mark, James, Job, Paul, Nathan, and Iſaiah, Whereupon Georg
Shove, and Edward Shove, are appointed to prepare Certificates
for them and preſent to next monthly meeting if nothing appears
to obſtruct. ~ Alſo ſd meeting inform'd that they had raiſed
Thirteen ſhillings & two pence towards the ſupport of the poor
which with the ſum heretofore forwarded being Two pounds ſix
ſhillings & ten pence make out their proportion of the ſum we
agreed to raiſe which is directed into the Treaſury together with
Three pounds that is in Benjamin Slade's hands from Swanſey
Preparative meeting, which with ſix pounds heretofore ſent up
makes out their proportion of the ſum agreed on to raiſe.

The Overſeers of the poor produced an account of Three
pounds Twelve ſhillings & three pence in ſupporting the poor
Whereupon they are directed to draw the ſame out of the
Treaſury. —— Freetown meeting inform'd that they have
raiſed Three pounds, one ſhilling & ten pence towards
removing their meeting houſe and paid the ſame to the
Committee appointed for that purpoſe. ~

4/1795 At a Monthly meeting of Friends held
at Somerſet for Swanſey the 6th of the 4th month 1795.

The Repreſentatives from the Preparative meetings
as by their accounts appear are for Swanſey Jonathan Chaſe 2d
and Theophilus Shove, Jr. for Freetown John Boyce;
and Azenijah Upton, who being called are all preſent.

The Committee continued in the caſe of Jonathan Chaſe 2ds
requeſt reported which is accepted of and is as followeth viz

We of the Committee in care of Jonathan Chaſe's
requeſt have had ſeveral Opportunities in his family
on that account and under the preſent ſituation of things
think well of Diſmiſsing that matter at preſent.

Hannah Chaſe 2d
Mary Earle
Caleb Earl
Hannah Chaſe,
Benjamin Buffington,
Moſes Buffington

The Committee continued in the caſe of the complaint againſt Joſeph Mead reported that they had attended to their appointment notwithſtanding the matter was not fully ſettled therefore they are continued to have the care thereof and report to our next monthly meeting. —

The report of the Committee in the caſe of Stephen Earle, comming under conſideration and it appearing that more labour is neceſsary therefore ſaid Committee are again continued to have the care thereof report to our next monthly meeting.

The Committee continued in the caſe of Appollos Eddy's requeſt reported that they had attended to their appointment and they are ſtill continued to have the care of that caſe and report thereof in the Sixth month next

The Committee in care of that meeting at Preſerved Brayton's reported which is accepted of and is as followeth.

We your Committee to have the care of the meeting held at Preſerved Brayton's, have attended thereto and have not diſcovered but that the ſame has been kept up to a degree of ſatiſfaction, — we alſo inform that ſd Preſerved with a number of other friends that attend ſd meeting deſires that the ſame may be continued as heretofore if the meeting think beſt. —

Elizabeth Chaſe, Mary Earle, } Moſes Buffinton, John Chaſe, —

Upon which this meeting agrees that a meeting be continued there as heretofore under the care of the former Committee until the Eighth month next, they then to report.

The Committee continued in care of that meeting held at Taunton, reported which is accepted of and is as follows —

We your Committee in care of that meeting at Taunton, have attended thereto and it appears that ſd meeting has been kept up in ſome degree reputable ſince our laſt report, and think it may be beſt that a Committee have the care of it as heretofore which we ſubmit

Hannah Earl,
Elizabeth Chaſe,
Bethany Buffinton,
Abigail Lawton,

Caleb Earle,
Benja Buffinton,
Adonijah Upton
Benja Buffinton 2d

upon which we continue ſaid Committee to have the care of that meeting and report Quarterly.

The Queries and Anſwers prepared to them was read in this meeting and general Anſwers ſent to the Quarterly meeting with the account by our repreſentatives who are John Chaſe, Jonathan Chaſe, 2d and Moſes Buffinton.

The Committee continued to treat with thoſe friends that deal in in ſpirituous Lyquors reported that they had attended to their appointment and as it appears that more labour is neceſsary ſaid Committee are continued for that purpoſe who are deſired to report in the ſeventh month next.

A Teſtimony on behalf of our friend Patience Brayton, Deceaſed was read in this meeting and agreed to and is directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting for their approbation.

The matter reſpecting the Quarterly meetings reverſing the Judgement of this meeting comming under the conſideration of this upon which there was a Eſſay drawn up and ſigned by the Clerk directed to the Quarterly meeting ſignifying our uneaſineſs therewith and forwarded by our repreſentatives

The Committee to conſider of the requeſt of William Chaſe, and his wife Alice reported that they were of the judgement that this meeting receive her ſon Buffum Chaſe, under their care who is accordingly. alſo that they conclude not to remove ~~at~~ themſelves at preſent.

And ſd William ſignified to this meeting that he had thoughts of making a viſit amongſt his friends with in the verge of Saratoga monthly which we approve of and the Clerk is directed to furniſh him with a Coppy of this minute

John Chaſe, informed that he had agreeable to direction of a former meeting received from the Quarterly meetings Treaſury Four pounds eleven Shillings held in the firſt month laſt and paid Three pounds Six Shillings to the Committee appointed for that purpoſe and produced Benjamin

Benjamin Stead's receipt for the same and paid the remaining part to this meeting which is handed to our Representatives to help discharge our proportion of the Quarterly meetings Stock.

Moses Buffinton, informed that he had forwarded the Certificates on behalf of David and Josiah Brayley, to the monthly meeting to which they were directed.

The friends appointed to draw a Certificate on behalf of Paul Anthony and family made report that there was an impediment in the way at present and said friends are continued to have the care of that matter and present one to our next monthly meeting if the impediment is removed

Freetown Preparative meeting informs that they had collected One pound three shillings & eight pence towards the Quarterly meeting Stock.

John Chase, presented a receipt of Four pounds five shillings, from the Yearly meetings Treasury on behalf of this Meeting.

The Representatives from Swansey preparative meeting presented One pound Eleven shillings and two pence collected towards the remaining Charge of removing and rebuilding the meeting house at Freetown which is directed to be handed to the Committee appointed for that purpose.

5/1795

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 4th of the 5th mo. 1795

The accounts from the Preparative meetings being perused the representatives therein named are for Swansey David Earle, and William Lawton, for Freetown George Chace and Asa Chace who being called are all present.

The Committee continued to have the care of the matter respecting Joseph Stead reported that they had attended to their appointment and that the matter in diſpute was ſettled upon which that matter is diſmiſsed.

The Committee continued in the caſe of Stephen Estes, not being prepared to make report they are again continued to have the care of that caſe and report to next monthly meeting.

The repreſentatives informd that they all attended the Quarterly meeting agreeable to appointment.

Alſo informd that they preſented the Eſsay drawn up at our laſt monthly meeting. in conſequence of which the Quarterly meeting hath appointed a Committee to viſit this meeting.

Whereupon the matter that ſaid Eſsay repreſented is referd for the attendance of that Committee,.

Alſo one of the repreſentatives produced a receipt from the Quarterly meetings Treaſurer of Four pounds fourteen Shillings and two pence which being our proportion of ſaid Quarterly meetings Stock.

The Committee to prepare a Certificate on behalf of Rue Anthony and family to Saratoga monthly meeting, preſented one which was approved of and ſigned by the Clerk, and Edward Shove is appointed to forward the Certificate to the place directed.

Swanſey Preparative meeting forwarded to this Three pounds Ten Shillings and Six pence for the Quarterly meetings Stock which with what hath been heretofore forwarded by Freetown Preparative meeting makes out our proportion

We agree to raiſe Twelve pounds to ſupply our Treaſury and the Clerk is directed to forward Coppys of this minute to Each Preparative meeting in order for ſubſcription.

The Committee in caſe of Iſaiah Chaſe informd that they have not had an opportunity with him, he being abſent upon which they are continued as heretofore and deſired to report in the ſeventh month next.

6/
1795

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 1st day of the 6th mo. 1795.

The Repreſentatives from the Preparative meetings as by their accounts appear are for Swanſey Daniel Chaſe Jr. and John Chaſe 2d; for Freetown Azariah Shove, and Adonijah Upton, who being called are all preſent.

A Certificate on behalf of our friend Samuel Smith, from the monthly meeting of the Northern Diſtrict Philadelphia held the 21st of the 4th month 1795 was read in this meeting to good ſatiſfaction alſo his Company and labour with us having been to our Edification and comfort.

The Committee continued in the caſe of Stephen Butts, informed that they had paid attention to their appointment but not being prepared to make a full report they are continued to have the care of that matter and deſired to report at our next monthly meeting.

The Clerk informs that he hath forwarded coppies of ~~the~~ minute for ſubſcription to the ſeveral preparative meetings agreeable to direction.

Amaſa Chaſe, informed that his ſon Buffum Chaſe, is gone to live within the verge of Salem monthly meeting as an apprentice upon which the Clerk is directed to forward to ſaid meeting a Coppy of this minute informing them that he is a member of this meeting deſiring their care of him.

Our Eſteemed Friend Theophilus Shove, informed us that he had a proſpect of paying a Religious viſit to friends within the verge of Sandwich Quarterly meeting and deſired our Concurrance after ſolid deliberation thereon this meeting hath unity with him therein and the Clerk is directed to furniſh him with a Coppy hereof.

The Overſeers of the poor informed that they have expended Two pounds twelve ſhillings in ſupporting the poor which is allowed and they directed to draw the ſame out of our Treaſury.

The Committee continued in the fourth month laſt reſpecting Appollos Eddy's requeſt inform'd that they had not had any opportunity with him by reaſon of ſickneſs whereupon they are continued to have the care of that caſe and report thereof at our next monthly meeting.

7/1795 At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 6th of the 7th month 1795.

The repreſentatives from the preparative meetings as by their accounts appear are, for Swanſey Moſes Buffinton, and Nathan Chaſe, for Freetown George Shove and James Lee who being called are all preſent.

The Committee continued to labour with Stephen Earle, not being prepared to make a ſatiſfactory report they are again continued to have the care of that matter and to further labour with him and report thereof to our next monthly meeting.

The Clerk inform'd that he hath forwarded the minute reſpecting of Buffum Chaſe to Salem Monthly meeting. alſo inform'd that he hath furniſh Theophilus Shove with a copy of the minute agreeable to direction.

The Committee continued in the caſe of Appollos Eddy's requeſt inform'd that they had paid attention to their appointment nevertheleſs ſaid Committee are again continued to have the care of that matter and to report in the ninth month next.

The Committee continued to treat with thoſe Friends that deal in Spirituous Lyquors report that they have attended to their appointment. they are again continued to have the care of that matter and report to next monthly meeting.

Received the following information from the Monthly meeting of Friends at the Oblong (viz) To the Monthly meeting of Friends held at Swanſey, Dear Friends, We hereby inform that Joſeph Weaver who ſome time paſt removed from your meeting to this without producing a Certificate; and we find by our records in the 10th month 1787 we were inform'd by a line from your meeting that he had not ſettled his outward affairs to ſatiſfaction and on our labouring with him on that account by a Committee from time to time without receiving ſufficient encouragement from him that he would ſettle his affairs we wrote to your meeting the circumſtance of the caſe but having received no anſwer we think it right ſo far to reſume the ſubject as to inform that he has lately removed within the compaſs of the Creek monthly meeting in Nine partners.

Signed in & on behalf of our Monthly meeting held at Oblong 5th month 18th day 1795.

By Azariah Howland Clerk.

Whereupon Moses Buffinton, & Daniel Brayton are appointed to take the neceſsary care in that caſe and report to next monthly meeting.

One of the Committee in the caſe of Iſaiah Chaſe, informs that they have attended to their appointment & by reaſon of the other not being preſent they are continued to have the care of that matter and report thereof to next mo. meeting

Freetown Preparative meeting informs that William Shove hath placed his ſon William as an apprentice within the verge of Salem monthly meeting he being a member of this meeting and the Clerk is directed to forward a coppy of this minute to ſaid meeting.

Part of the Quarterly meetings Committee appointed in Conſequence of an Eſsay that we preſented to ſd. meeting in the caſe of Samuel Shove, being now preſent and that being opened Whereupon Jonathan Chaſe 2d Daniel Chaſe, Jun. Clark Purinton, John Chaſe, George Shove, Nathan Chaſe, & Benjamin Slead, are appointed to attend with ſd Committee and confer with them on the ſubject, & report to next mothly meeting.

8/1795

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanſey the 8th of the 8th month 1795.

The accounts from the Preparative meetings being preſented the repreſentatives therein named are for

Swansey Stephen Chase, & Benjamin Slead, for Freetown, Adonijah Tipton & George Shove, who being called are all present

The Committee continued in the case of Stephen Earle, made the following report which is accepted of (viz) We have continued our care in the case of Stephen Earle, extended such counsel and advice from time to time as favourd with which hath not appeard to have the desired effect. — Moses Buffinton, David Earle, William Lawton,

The farther proceeding in that matter is referd to next monthly meeting

The Committee in the case of Joseph Warner presented an Essay to be forwarded to the Creek monthly meeting. Since which and as there hath appeared some further information respecting his case therefore the Essay is returned to sd Committee for them to prepare such further representation as to them appears necessary and present to our next monthly meeting —

The Committee continued in the case of Isaiah Chase reported that there doth not appear any Encouragement of his condemning his misconduct. Upon which, with the concurrence of the Womens meeting we disown him as a member of our meeting and put him from under our care. —

The Clerk informd that he hath forwarded a Coppy of the minute on behalf of William Shove jur agreeable to direction,

The Queries and Answers from the Preparative meeting, was read in this from which general Answers are compiled and sent up to the Quarterly meeting with the account by our Representatives who are Adonijah Tipton, Jonathan Chase 2d, and Eber Slead. —

The Committee continued to ~~the~~ treat with those friends that dealt in Spirituous Lyquors informd that they were not in a capacity to make a report at this time, therefore they are continued to have the care of that matter and to report in the tenth month next. —

The Committee to have the care of that meeting held at Preserved Brayton's informd that nothing appeard to them but that the same was reputably kept up Whereupon sd meeting is continued as heretofore untill the firſt month next under the care of the former Committee they to report in the twelvth month next.

Freetown Preparative meeting inform that Edward Shove requeſteth a Certificate to the monthly meeting of Friends at Sandwich on account of marriage upon which Daniel Brayton, and Moſes Buffinton, are appointed to inquire into his Clearneſs in that reſpect and prepare a Certificate and preſent to that monthly meeting if nothing appears to obſtruct.

Freetown Preparative meeting produced a receipt of three pounds and ſix pence that they had paid into our Treaſury.

This meeting adjourns to the eighth hour to morrow morning.

Fourth day met by adjournment the repreſentatives being called Benjamin Slead, Adonijah Lipton, & George Shove, preſent. The Committee appointed at our laſt monthly meeting to attend and confer with the Quarterly meetings Committee in conſequence of an Eſſay preſented to ſd meeting in the caſe of Samuel Slead reported that they had attended to their appointment and that matter being weightily conſidered in this meeting alſo counſel and advice adminiſtered by the Quarterly meetings Committee they being of the opinion that it would be beſt for this meeting under the preſent ſituation of the caſe, to acquieſce with what the Quarterly meeting hath done it alſo now appearing to be the judgment of this meeting and the matter is diſmiſsed accordingly.

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 7th of the 9th month 1795.

The Repreſentatives from the Preparative meetings as by their accounts are for Swanſey Nathan Chaſe, & David Earle, for Freetown Samuel Shove, & Azariah Shove, who being called are all preſent, except Nathan Chaſe, whoſe abſence is through indiſpoſition of body.

The matter reſpecting of Stephen Earle, comming under the conſideration of this meeting and as there appears a tenderneſs on the minds of ſome friends towards him the conſideration is again refered to our next monthly meeting.

The womens meeting inform that they were about to receive Rebeckah Purinton under their care which we concur with. —

The friends continued at laſt month in the caſe of Joſeph Weaver preſented an Eſsay which was approved and ſigned by the Clerk and is as followeth. (viz)

To the Creek monthly meeting at the Nine-Partners. —

Dear Friends; We have of late been informed by a line from the Oblong monthly meeting, that Joſeph Weaver who ſtands as a member of our monthly meeting and hath reſided with them for a conſiderable time paſt hath not long ſince removed within the verge of your monthly meeting, Theſe are to inform you that he removed from us without ſettling his outward affairs of which we acquainted the Oblong monthly meeting who (it appears by a line from them Received) extended their care to him on that account, and that he gave them Encouragement of ſettling them as ſoon as it was in his power; on which that ſubject was dropt in our monthly meeting expecting no doubt, that he would exert himſelf therein and manifeſt the ſame to us which hath not been the caſe, tho a conſiderable time hath been allow'd him, therefore we deſire your Brotherly care in that caſe and acquaint us thereof. In love we conclude your affectionate friends;

Signed in and on behalf of our monthly meeting held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 7th day of the 9th month 1795. —

By Daniel Brayton Clerk

and Benjamin Earle, is appointed to forward the sd. Eſsay to the monthly meeting unto which it is directed. —

The Repreſentatives reported that they all attended the Quarterly meeting agreeable to appointment. —

Our beloved friend Mary Mitchell attended this meeting who produced a Coppy of a minute from the monthly meeting of Friends at Nantucket Northern Deſtrict which was read in this meeting to good ſatiſfaction who hath viſited nearly all the families within the verge of Swansey Preparative meeting which appears to be to general satisfaction.

The friends appointed to prepare a certificate on behalf of Edward Shove, presented one which is approved of and signed by the Clerk.

The Overseers of the poor Exhibited an account of One pound Twelve shillings, up to this present time which hath been expended upon the poor which account is allowed and they directed to draw the sd sum out of the Treasury.

The Committee continued in the case of Appollos Eddy, not being prepared to report upon which we appoint Benjamin Buffinton and John Chase to join said Committee who are desired to attend to their appointment and report thereof to next monthly meeting—

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 5th of the 10th month 1795.

The accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Swansey John Chase 2nd and Moses Buffinton, for Freetown Edmond Estes, and Adonijah Upton who being called are all present.

The case of Stephen Earle, coming under the consideration of this meeting which is again refered by a request from the womens meeting.

It appearing by a minute from the Quarterly meeting that our proportion of the yearly meetings stock is four pounds & Eight shillings which the representatives are directed to draw out of our Treasury and deliver to the Treasurer of the Yearly meeting.

The Queries and Answers to them was read in this meeting from which general Answers was prepared and sent up to the Quarterly meeting with the accounts by our Representatives who are Benjamin Slead, David Earle, & Benjamin Buffinton, 2d.

The womens meeting informed that they had reappointed Elizabeth Chase, and Sarah Chase, to the place of Overseers and also added Hannah Chase 2d to them which this meeting concurs with.

The Womens meeting likewise informd that they were about to disown Sarah Earle, ye Daughter of Hope right of membership which we concur with

The Committee continued in the case of Hopestill Eddy's request made report and the consideration thereof is refered to our next monthly meeting.

The Committee continued to treat with those friends that deal in Spirituous Lyquors made report that they had attended to their appointment and that there appeared but little complaint on that account except one case that had of late come to their knowledge which they have not had time to inquire into and sd Committee are again continued to have the care of that matter and to report in the first month next.

Edward Shove informd that he had forwarded the Certificate on behalf of Paul Anthony and family to the monthly meeting to which it was directed.

Swansey Preparative meeting inform that William Chase requesteth our Certificate for himself and family to the monthly meeting of Friends at Uxbridge whereupon Theophilus Shove junr and Daniel Brayton, are appointed to take the necessary care in that case and prepare such Certificate if nothing appears to obstruct and bring to next monthly meeting.

Also sd meeting informd that they had paid in to our Treasury Nine pounds.

The time for which our Audit was appointed appears to be expired Whereupon Daniel Brayton, and David Earle are appointed an Audit for this meeting for the year ensuing.

11/1795 At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 2d day of the 11th month 1795.

The accounts being present from the Preparative meetings the Representatives therein named are for Swansey Obed Slead, and Jonathan Chase 2d for Freetown George Shove and Samuel Shove, who being called are all present.

The Representatives informd that they all attended the Quarterly meeting and produced Extracts from the Quarterly meeting which are as followeth (viz)

The matter respecting Education and Schools which came Down in the Extracts from the minuts of our last yearly meeting which was referr'd from last Quarter to this coming under consideration after deliberation thereon agreed and recommended to the ſeveral monthly meetings to inform our next Quarterly meeting whether any School or Schools have been kept up the year paſt under the immediate care and direction of their particular monthly meeting or whether any, and what Schools have been kept by members of our Society within the verge of the ſeveral meetings if any and what other Schools have been kept up and by whome, and for what ſeaſon at which friends Children have been Schooled and where no School has been kept under the immediate care of the monthly meetings that they endeavour to inform the next Quarterly meeting, what difficulties obſtructs their inſtituting ſuch Schools — and the Clerk is directed to forward a Coppy of the sd Extract of the yearly meetings minutes, together with a Coppy of this minute to each monthly meeting.

Extracted from the minutes of the yearly meeting held on Rhode Island for New England by adjournments from the 11th of the 6th month to the of the ſame incluſive, 1795.

The ſubject of Education having been brought before this meeting and our minds having been dipped into an Exerciſe upon the importance thereof with earneſt ſolicitude that a renewed concern may be excited in the minds of friends to promote as far as in them lies the great Object of a pious Education of their tender Offspring, do ſolidly recommend to our reſpective Quarterly and monthly meetings the weighty conſideration thereof and that they do encourage the promotion of Schools under the ſpecial care of monthly meetings conformable to former advices of this meeting and as we ſtill believe uſefulneſs would be derived to Society by the eſtabliſhment of a yearly meeting School, and the preſent fund appropriated therefor being inadequate for its continuation we feel deſirous that a willingneſs may be excited in the hearts of thoſe friends who have plenty of the things of this world liberally to ſhare thereof for ſo uſeful a purpoſe, and that ſubſcription therefor may be opened in each meeting, alſo that Quarterly meetings procure the beſt information they can relative to the ſtate of Schools and Education in general with an account of what obſtructions they find to impede the accompliſhment of this recommendation, and give this meeting information thereof next year.

Examined By — George Arnold Clerk.

Upon which this meeting appoints Benjamin Mead, Moſes Buffinton, and George Shove, to inſpect into that matter relative to Schools and report to our next monthly meeting. — alſo sd friends are deſired to take in charge the recommendation reſpecting ſubſcriptions to ſupply the fund appropriated for our yearly meeting School and procure ſuch ſubſcription and report thereof in the firſt month next.

The report reſpecting Appollos Eddy refer'd from laſt month to this coming under conſideration after deliberation thereon sd report is returned to the committee and the matter refer'd under their care who are deſired to report at our next monthly meeting.

The matter reſpecting of Stephen Earl is again refer'd by the requeſt of the womens meeting.

The committee to prepare a Certificate on behalf of William Chaſe and family preſented one which is approved of and ſigned by the Clerk, and John Chaſe is appointed to forward said Certificate to the place directed.

The Committee appointed to move and rebuild the meeting House at Freetown informed that there remaind Two pounds Nineteen Shilling & Eleven pence of the expence not paid. Whereupon they are directed to draw the above ſum out of our Treaſury.

This meeting agrees to raiſe Twelve pounds to ſupply the Treaſury, and the Clerk is directed to furniſh each preparative meeting with a Coppy of this minute.

Benjamin Earle, inform'd that he was about to remove within the verge of Providence monthly meeting, and requeſted our Certificate for himſelf and family, whereupon John Chaſe, and Clark Purinton junr are appointed to take the neceſsary care in that caſe and prepare ſuch Certificate if nothing appears to obſtruct and preſent to next monthly meeting.

Benjamin Mead inform'd that the time of his appointment as Treaſurer was expired Whereupon he is reappointed for that ſervice the year enſuing.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 7th of the 12th month 1795.

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings by their accounts are, for Swansey Gideon Chase, & Benjamin Buffinton, 2d for Freetown Edward Shove, & Samuel Shove, who being called are all present.

Daniel Brayton, inform'd, that the time of his appointment as Clerk is expired upon which the Representatives are desired to confer with a suitable friend for that service for the year ensuing and report thereof to next monthly meeting.

The Committee to Examine into the state of Schools agreable to the direction of the Quarter meeting not being prepared to report therefore they are continued for that service and desired to report at our next monthly meeting.

The Committee continued in the case of Aspasia Eddy's request not being prepared to report they are again continued for that service who are desired to attend to their appointment and report thereof to our next monthly meeting.

John Chase inform'd that he hath forwarded the Certificate on behalf of William Chase and family to the place directed.

The Clerk inform'd that he hath forwarded coppies of the minute for subscription to each Preparative meeting agreable to direction.

The matter respecting of Stephen Earle, is again refer'd to next monthlymeeting by the request of several friends.

The Committee to have the care of the meeting held at [illegible] Brayton's report that nothing appeared but that the same was reputably kept up and the time for which sd meeting was appointed not being expired thereupon sd Committee are continued to have charge thereof, and report at the expiration of sd time their prospect of the continuation, of sd meeting or not.

The Committee to prepare a Certificate on behalf of Benjamin Earle, and family presented one which after being read and some amendment was approved of and signed by the Clerk, and John Chase is appointed to forward sd Certificate to the place directed.

Daniel Brayton, inform'd that the time of the appointment of Overseers for Swansey Preparative meeting is expired upon which sd meeting is desired to nominate some suitable friends for that service and send up their names to this meeting the Clerk is directed to forward a coppy of this minute to sd Preparative meeting

The overſeers of the poor inform'd that the time of their appointment was expired whereupon they are reappointed for the year Enſuing. ——

We appoint Nathan Chaſe & Benjamin Mead to provide hay & wood &c. for the Quarterly meeting uſe next to be held at this place, and to produce their accompt when accompliſhed.

The Committee to Audit accounts for this meeting hath ſettled with our Treaſurer and find a balance due to him of Eight ſhillings & five pence. ——

Benjamin Mead produced a receipt to this meeting as follows viz.

Received of Swanſey monthly meeting Four pounds Eight ſhillings by the hand of Benjamin Mead for the yearly meeting Stock. —

Providence 12th month 1795. pr. Caleb Green Treaſurer. —

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 4th day of the 1st month 1796. ——

The accounts from the Preparative meetings being preſented the Repreſentatives therein named are for Swanſey Nathan Chaſe, and Job Chaſe, for Freetown George Shove, & Aſa Shove, who being called are all preſent. ——

The Repreſentatives inform'd that agreeable to the deſire of the laſt monthly meeting they had confered with Daniel Brayton on the ſubject of his ſerving as Clerk, which is approved of and he is appointed accordingly for the year Enſuing. ——

The Committee to prepare an Anſwer to the Quarterly meeting on the ſubject of Schools preſented one which being read and ſome alterations made was approved of and is as followeth viz.

We have attended to our appointment in conſequence of the Extracts from our Quarterly meeting on the ſubject of Schools, and it appears that there has not been any School kept up under the immediate care and direction of our monthly meeting for one year paſt, which appears to be occaſioned principally by the ſcattered ſituation of Friends and their incomes generally ſuch as will not admit of putting out their Children to boarding Schools, The ſchools by which the Children received their learning that are under the care of our monthly meeting, within the limited time

are as follows (viz) Four mens Schools whose teachers were members of our Society all four amounted to about 7 months Schooling.—
Five women Schools whose teachers were members of our Society in the whole amounting to about 20 months Schooling.—
Seven mens Schools whose teachers were not members of our—Society to which some friends have been sent to School which Schools continued about 3 months each three women Schools whose teachers were not members of our Society one of which a considerable number of friends Children attended in the whole amounting to about 10 months Schooling.— We have also opened a subscription in order to help supply the yearly meetings fund, but no friend has appeared engaged to subscribe thereunto.

Moses Buffinton,
Benjamin Slead,
George Shove,—

And the Clerk is directed to forward a coppy of the above information to our next Quarterly meeting by our representatives.—

The Committee continued in the case of Appollos Eddy's request reported that they had attended to their appointment by which it appears there still remains some impediment in the way of his request being complyed with therefore sd. Committee are again continued to have the care of that matter with the addition of Benjamin Slead who are desired to report in the fourth month next.

The case respecting of s. Stephen Earle is again referd to our next monthly meeting.—

The Committee that had the care of the meeting at Stephen Brayton's reported that not any thing appeared to them but that sd. meeting was kept up reputably upon which that meeting is continued until the fourth month next, also the Committee who are desired then to report their prospect of the continuance of said meeting or not.—

John Chase informed that he had forwarded the Certificate on behalf of Benjamin Earle, and family to the place directed.

The Clerk informed that he hath supply'd Swansey Preparative meeting with a coppy of the minute respecting the nominating of Overseers, agreeable to direction.—

The Committee continued to treat with those friends that deal in Spirituous Lyquers made report which is approved of and is as follows viz. We of the Committee in care of the matter relative to our members dealing in, and handing out Distilled Spiritious Lyquors have continued our care on that account and the Circumstance mentioned in our laſt report, upon inſpection thereinto, appears not to be of the nature that we expected, nor not any thing appears but that our members conduct are pretty well on them accounts. —

Moses Buffinton,
Edward Shove,
Daniel Brayton;

The said Committee is continued for that service who are deſired to report in the fourth month next.

The Queries with Anſwers to them was read in this meeting from which general Anſwers was prepared and ſent up to the Quarterly meeting with an account by our repreſentatives who are William Lawton, Nathan Chaſe, and Edward Shove;

Freetown Preparative meeting produced the following receipt (viz) 4th of the 1st month 1796 Then Received of Freetown Preparative meeting by the hand of George Shove Two pounds seventeen shillings pr Benjamin Mead Treasurer

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanſey the 1st of the 2d month 1796

The accounts from the Preparative meetings being preſented the Repreſentatives therein named are for Swanſey William Lawton, and Benjamin Mead, for Freetown, William Boyce & Edward Shove, who being called are all preſent.

The Clerk informed that he hath furniſhed our Repreſentatives with a coppy of the minute reſpecting of Schools agreeable to direction.

The matter reſpecting of Stephen Earle, is again referd to our next monthly meeting.

Our Repreſentatives informed that they all attended the Quarterly meeting.

Swanſey Preparative meeting inform that they have nominated Benjamin Mead, Daniel Brayton and Benjamin Buffinton, Jr to the place of Overſeers which is referd to next monthly meeting by a requeſt of the womens meeting.

Said Preparative meeting alſo informed that Amaſa Chaſe doth requeſt a removal Certificate for himſelf and family to the monthly meeting of Friends at Uxbridge. —

Whereupon Stephen Mead, & Jonathan Chaſe are appointed to prepare a Certificate on their behalf if not any thing appears to hinder and preſent it to our next monthly meeting. —

The Committee to procure hay, wood, &c for the Quarterly meeting are preſented the following Bill which is approved of (viz) —

We have audited the Committees accompt that was appointed to procure hay, wood &c for the Quarterly meetings uſe and the thereof is four pounds five shillings and six pence, —

David Earle,
Daniel Brayton,

upon which Reuben Chaſe is directed to draw the above ſum out of the Quarterly meetings Treaſury & the Clerk is directed to furniſh him with a coppy of this minute.

Freetown Preparative meeting inform that they have ſent up Three Shillings & one penny and it appears that our Treaſurer hath received the ſame.

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 7th of the 3d month 1796.

The accounts from the Preparative meetings being preſented the Repreſentatives therein named are for Swanſey, Jonathan Chaſe, and Stephen Mead, for Freetown George Shove and James Law who being called are all preſent.

The caſe of Stephen Earle, is again referd to next monthly meeting

The matter referd from our laſt monthly meeting to this reſpecting the approving of the nomination of overſeers coming under conſideration and after ſome deliberation thereon the nomination is approved of and they are appointed for that ſervice Namely Benjamin Mead, Daniel Brayton, and Benjamin Buffinton 2d, for the Year Enſuing.

The Committee to prepare a Certificate on behalf of Amaſa Chaſe and family preſented one which is approved of & ſigned by the Clerk, — The Womens meeting preſenting Certificates on behalf of Mabel & Provided Chaſe, which was read and ſigned by the Clerk and Benjamin Mead is appointed to forward ſaid Certificates to the ~~M~~ Meeting they are directed to.

The womens meeting alſo preſented one on behalf of Anna Shove, from Sandwich monthly meeting which being read is to ſatiſfaction.

The Clerk inform'd that he hath furniſh Reuben Chaſe with a Coppy of the minute agreeable to direction at laſt monthmeeting

~~An~~ Endorſement

We being inform'd that Edward Mead, Jun was about to return to Dartmouth upon which the Certificate that came to us in his behalf was endorſed and ſigned by the Clerk who is deſired to return ſd Certificate to Dartmouth monthly meeting. —

This meeting being inform'd that Eliſabeth Mead, doth requeſt a Coppy of a minute for her ſon David Mead, who is placed out as an apprentice to a friend, at Lynn within the verge of Salem monthly meeting, he being a member of this meeting, the Clerk is directed to furniſh Salem monthly meeting with a Coppy of this minute.

Our Treaſurer is directed to pay the Committee appointed to procure hay, wood &c. for the Quarterly meetings uſe laſt held at this place four pounds five Shillings and Six pence it being the whole of their accompt.

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanſey the 4th of the 4th month 1796.

The Repreſentatives from the Preparative meetings as by their accounts are for Swanſey Nathan Chaſe, Jonathan Earle, for Freetown Samuel Slade, & James Law, who being called are all preſent.

The Queries and Anſwers from the Preparative meetings were read in this and general Anſwers prepared and forwarded with an account to our next Quarterly meeting by our Repreſentatives who are Stephen Slead, and Daniel Brayton.

The caſe of Stephen Earle is again referr'd to next monthly meeting.

Benjamin Slade informs that he hath forwarded the Certificate on behalf of Amaſa Chaſe and family to the place directed.

The Clerk informed that he hath forwarded a Coppy of a minute to Salem monthly meeting in behalf of David Slade,

Received the following information, (viz) To the monthly meeting of Friends at Somerset for Swanſey — Dear Friends —

We have peruſed the journal of our beloved friend Patience Brayton deceaſed, together with a number of her letters and ſome of ſd letters together with the journal affording matter inſtructive have been tranſcribed and it appears to us that a conſiderable uſe would ariſe not only to the preſent but ſucceeding generations by their being made more publick. Signed in behalf of the Committee

By Daniel Brayton,

Wherefore this meeting taking the matter into conſideration think well of forwarding the ſame to the meeting for Sufferings for their inſpection and the Clerk is directed to forward the ſame together with a Coppy of this minute.

The Committee that had the care of the meeting held at Obſerved Brayton's reported that nothing appeared to them but that ſd meeting hath been reputably kept up and that the ~~co~~ continuation of that meeting would be of uſe, whereupon ſd meeting is continued as heretofore under the care of ſd Committee until the tenth month next. who are then deſired to report or ſooner if occation requires.

The Committee in the caſe of Appollis Eddy's requeſt made the following report which is accepted and is as follows (viz) We the Committee in care of Appollis Eddy and Wife's requeſt of being taken under friends care have attended to our appointment and it is our judgement it would be beſt to diſmiſs the ſame at preſent which we ſubmit to the meeting.

Hannah Castle,
Abigail Ludlon,
Eliſabeth Chaſe,

John Chaſe,
Benjamin Buffinton, &
Edward Shove,
Benjamin Slead.

Whereupon the ſame is diſmiſsed accordingly.

The Committee continued in the firſt month laſt in reſpect to ſpiritious Liquors reported that nothing hath appeard different ſince their laſt information. Whereupon ſaid Committee is diſmiſsed.

Swanſey Preparative meeting informd that they have forwarded Nine pounds to the Treaſury.

One of the Auditters informd that the money in the Treaſury is nearly expended Whereupon it is agreed to raiſe Eight pounds to sd Treaſury and the Clerk is directed to furniſh each preparative meeting with a Coppy of this minute and report thereof at next monthly meeting.

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 2d of the 5th mo. 1796

The accounts from the Preparative meetings being preſented the Repreſentatives therein named are for Swanſey Daniel Chaſe jur & Reuben Chaſe, for Freetown Edward Shove, & James Lad, who being called are all preſent.

The caſe of Stephen Castle, coming under the conſideration of this meeting and as no incouragement appears for the continuation of the matter any longer, We therefore deny him a right of memberſhip with us until there does appear a manifeſt return and John Chaſe is appointed to inform him thereof and his right of appeal.

The Clerk informd that he hath forwarded to the meeting of Sufferings the Journal of our friend Patience Brayton deceaſed together with ſome of her letters and a Coppy of the minute reſpecting sd Journal &c. agreeable to direction.

Swanſey Preparative meeting ~~informd~~ preſented the following information (viz)

Whereas Abner Chaſe, hath ſo far given way to paſſion, as to utter ſome unadviſed, and prophane Language ſuch as ſwearing &c. which hath brought a reproach upon Society who hath been labour'd with to little or no effect.

Benjamin Slead,
Daniel Brayton,

Whereupon Caleb Earle, and Moſes Buffinton are appointed to labour with him for his recovery and report thereof to next monthly meeting

The Repreſentatives to attend laſt Quarterly meeting inform'd that they all attended agreeable to appointment and produced an Extract of a minute informing that our proportion of ſaid meeting Stock is five pounds. Whereupon Reuben Chaſe, is directed to draw out of our Treaſury Fourteen Shillings & Six pence which with our order on the Quarterly meetings Treaſury now in his hands makes out our ſaid proportion and ſettle the ſame with the Quarterly meetings Treaſurer and report thereof to next monthly meeting

The Clerk inform'd that he hath forwarded a Coppy of the minute for ſubſcription to Swanſey Preparative meeting and he is continued to forward a Coppy to Freetown and report to next month

Received an Extract of a minute from the Quarterly meeting as followeth — Greenwich monthly meeting in their account inform that the meeting houſe at Exeter is finiſhed, and the Expence amounting to One hundred & Twenty pounds Eighteen Shillings and one penny of which Eighty pounds is ſubſcribed and they are deſiring this meetings aſſiſtance towards the further payment of ſd expence, this meeting after conſidering the ſame recommend to the ſeveral monthly meetings to ſubſcribe in freedom and ſend an account thereof to next Quarterly meeting and the Clerk is deſired to furniſh each monthly meeting with a Coppy of this minute.

Extracted from the minutes of a Quarterly meeting held at Somerſet the 7th of the 5th month 1796.

By George Arnold, Clerk.

Whereupon this meeting taking the matter into conſideration doth direct that George Shove, draw out of this meetings Treaſury the ſum of One pound Four Shillings and forward to ſaid monthly meeting and report when accompliſh'd.

At a Monthly meeting of Friends ~~at~~ held at Somerset for Swansey the 6th of the 6th mo. 1796.

The accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Swansey John Chase, & Clark Purinton, jur. for Freetown George Shove, & Edmond Anthony, who being called are present.

The Committee to labour with Abner Chase, inform'd that they had paid attention to their appointment, — yet they are continued to further labour with him and report thereof to our next — monthly meeting.

Reuben Chase inform'd ~~inform'd~~ that the matter under his care respecting our proportion of the Quarterly meetings Stock is settled according to direction.

The Clerk inform'd that he hath forwarded a Coppy of the minute respecting subscription to Freetown Preparative meeting agreeable to direction.

Swansey Preparative meeting inform that Jonathan Chase, requested a removal Certificate for himself & family to the monthly meeting of Friends at Uxbridge: — upon which Moses Buffinton, Theophilus Shove, and Jonathan Chase 2d are appointed to make the necessary inquiry and prepare a Certificate if nothing appears to hinder and bring to next monthly meeting.

Moses Buffinton, Daniel Brayton, George Shove, Caleb Earle, and Edward Shove, are appointed to collect memorials of the living services and dying sayings of Deceased friends agreeable to Discipline.

Edward Shove, is appointed to join the Auditors in settleing accompts for this meeting.

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 4th of the 7th mo. 1796.

The Representatives from the preparative meetings as appears by their accounts are for Swansey John Chase, and Oliver Chase, for Freetown Adonijah Upton, and Samuel Shove, who being called are all present.

The Committee continued in the caſe of Abner Chaſe, inform that they have not had an opportunity with him ſince their continuation upon which they are again continued and deſired to attend to their ap=pointment and report thereof to our next monthly meeting.

The Committee to prepare a Certificate on behalf of Jonathan Chaſe, and family report that they have not prepared one by reaſon of an Impediment in the way at preſent therefore sd Committee are ~~again~~ continued to have the care of that matter and report thereof at next mo meeting.

George Shove informed that he had drawn out of our Treaſury four Dollars and forwarded to Greenwich monthly meeting agreeable to direction and produced a receipt from sd meeting of the reception thereof.

Received the following information from Rhode Iſland monthly meeting

viz: From our Monthly Meeting held at Portſmouth for Rhode Iſland the 20th of the 4th month 1791. To the mo Meeting of Swanzey,

Dear friends,

Thomas Slocum who is a member with us ſome time ſince has reſided at Taunton within the verge of your monthly meeting, and as he has not applyed to us for a Certificate We think it beſt to deſire you to confer with him on that account, & if he concludes to continue with you that you would put him upon requeſting a Certificate in a ſimilar manner. ~~Interim~~ In the Interim we requeſt your Brotherly care over him. Signed by ~~[illegible]~~ direction of sd meeting.

~~[illegible]~~ By Samuel Thurſton Clerk

Whereupon Edward Shove and Benjamin Slead are appointed to take the neceſsary care in that caſe, and report thereof to next monthly meeting.

The Clerk informed that he had forwarded the Certificate on behalf of Edward Slead junr to the place directed agreeable to direction.

Freetown Preparative meeting inform that they have forwarded Two pounds four Shillings to the Treaſurer of this meeting.

Application being made to this meeting for a Certificate on behalf of Sylveſter Robinſon, by his guardian, he informing that he was about to place him to one that is not a member of our Religious Society. Whereupon this meeting taking the ſame into conſideration do appoint Moſes Buffinton and Jonathan Chaſe to take the neceſsary care in that caſe Conſiſtant with Diſcipline, and report thereof to our next monthly meeting.

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 1st of the 8th month 1796

The accounts from the Preparative meetings being preſented the Repreſentatives therein named are for Swanſey Gedion Chaſe, and Benjamin Slead, for Freetown, Stephen Shove, & James Laid, who being called are all preſent.

The Queries was and Anſwers to them was read in this meeting from which general Anſwers was prepared and ſent with an account up to next Quarterly meeting by our Repreſentatives who are David Earle, Edward Shove, and Benjamin Slead.

Swanſey Preparative meeting in their account inform that John Robinſon Jnr propoſed to offer his intention of marriage with Hannah Chaſe, who appeared in this meeting with her with conſent of parents and declared their intention who are deſired to wait until our next monthly meeting for an Anſwer and Moſes Buffinton, and Jonathan Chaſe, are appointed to inquire into his clearneſs reſpecting marriage and make report thereof to our next monthly meeting.

Said Preparative meeting likewiſe inform that Oliver Chaſe propoſed to offer his intention of marriage with Suſanna Buffinton, Jnr at this meeting who accordingly appeared with her and declared their intentions of marriage with each other and produced conſent of parents. and they are deſired to wait until our next monthly meeting for an Anſwer — Moſes Buffinton, and Jonathan Chaſe, are appointed to inquire into his Clearneſs reſpecting of marriage, and report thereof to our next monthly meeting.

The Committee continued to further labour with Abner Chaſe, reported that they had extended their care towards him and that he did not appear to them to be in a ſuitable diſpoſition to make friends ſatiſfaction: the conſideration of which is referd to our next monthly meeting.

The Committee continued in the caſe of Jonthan Chaſe's requeſt reported that the impediment is not removed ~~of his~~ therefore they are again continued to have the care of that matter and report to our next monthly meeting.

The Committee appointed in Consequence of an information from Rhode Island monthly meeting respecting Thomas T. Slocum, report that they have attended to their appointment, notwithstanding they are continued to have the care of that matter and report when it appears necessary.

The Committee appointed to take the necessary care in the case of Sylvester Robinson, report that upon inquiry not any thing appeared but that it might be safe to forward a coppy of a minute to Salem monthly meeting shewing his right of membership.

These therefore may certify on his behalf that he is a member of our meeting and that he is about to be placed out as an apprentice within the verge of said meeting to Jedediah Johnson, the Clerk is directed to furnish Salem meeting with a coppy of this minute, and report when accomplished.

Swansey Preparative meeting informs that they have forwarded to the Treasury Five pounds sixteen shillings & six pence.

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 5th of the 9th month 1796.

The accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Swansey Benjamin Slead, and Reuben Chase, for Freetown, George Shove, & Adonijah Upton, who being called are all present.

The Representatives inform that they all attended the Quarterly meeting agreeable to appointment and produced the following Extrac

At a Quarterly meeting held at Portsmouth on and for Rhode Island the 11th of the 8th month 1796.

This meeting received the Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly meeting which have been read to good satisfaction and ordered to be recorded and is as followeth (viz.)

By the reports from the several Quarterly meetings, it appears that attention hath continued to our recommendation last year relative to a pious education of our children and as the concern has revived in our Quarterly and Monthly meetings and some progress has been made therein we hope friends will be favoured to follow the pointings of truth on that important subject in in which the preſent generation, are ſo deeply intereſted; and we are again feelingly concerned to recommend firſt in general to Quarterly ~~meetings~~ and monthly meetings to perſevere in paying particular attention to this concern and alſo in an Eſpecial manner to parents and thoſe who have the care of Children, that they ſuffer no conſideration of any reaſonable expence that their outward Circumſtances will warrant, to retard or prevent, this very neceſſary work and the ſeveral Quarterly meetings are requeſted, to ſend an account to our next meeting, what farther progreſs they have made.

It is recommended in future the monthly meetings be not required to ſend Anſwers to the Quarterly meeting except the firſt, eleventh, and twelfth Queries only once in the year at the meeting next preceding the yearly meeting when they are to Anſwer all as heretofore, but that all the Queries be read in the ſeveral meetings Quarterly, and friends are deſired to ſtir one another up, to a more cloſe application of the importante duties by them injoined to themſelves Individually, that an increaſe of care may be witneſsed by this attention.

It is recommended that in all caſes, where a monthly meeting find it neceſſary to build a new meeting houſe they apply to the Quarterly meeting to which they belong for advice therein.

This meeting recommends the raiſing One hundred pounds for the yearly meeting Stock and Rhode Iſland Quarterly meeting is deſired to forward to our Treaſury Forty pounds their proportion of ſd Stock. — Extracted from the minutes of the yearly meeting of New England held on Rhode Iſland from the 7th of the 6th month to the 13th 1796. — William Rotch Junr Clerk.

And the ſeveral monthly meetings are deſired to pay attention to the ſeveral matters and concluſions therein recommended— and the Clerk is directed to furniſh each monthly meeting with a copy of the above Extracts with the apportionment of the above forty pounds for yearly meeting Stock, agreeable to the apportionment at laſt Quarter together with a copy of this minute

Swanſey Monthly meetings proportion is Nine pounds Eight ſhillings and Eight pence. Extracted from the minutes of the Quarterly meeting aforeſaid. George Arnold Clerk.

Whereupon the Clerk is directed to furniſh each Preparative meeting with Coppies of the Extracts reſpecting that of Anſwering the Queries and our proportion of the Yearly meeting Stock.

The matter reſpecting the pious Education of our youth recommend in the above Extracts is referd to our next monthly meeting for further conſideration.

The Committee to inquire into the clearneſs of John Robinſon Jr and Oliver Chaſe reſpecting of marriage report that not any thing appears to hinder their proceeding. and John Robinſon, appeard in this meeting with Hannah Chaſe, and continued their intention of marriage and they are left at liberty to proceed according to the good order of Friends Daniel Brayton, and Moſes Buffinton, are appointed to ſee their marriage decently conſummated and report thereof to our next monthly meeting.

Oliver Chaſe, alſo appeard with Suſanna Buffinton, Jur. and continued their intention of marriage who are left at liberty to proceed according to the good order of Friends Daniel Brayton, and Moſes Buffinton, are appointed to ſee ſaid marriage decently conſummated and report thereof to next monthly meeting.

The caſe of Abner Chaſe, referd from laſt monthly meeting coming now under conſideration and not any thing appearing of his being in a diſpoſition to make friends ſatiſfaction upon which and the report of the Committee at laſt month we deny him a right of memberſhip with us and have no unity with him until he manifeſt a ſincere return Daniel Brayton &, Moſes Buffinton are appointed to draw a teſtimony of his Denial and preſent to next monthly meeting and inform him of his right of appeal.

The Committee continued in the caſe of Jonathan Chaſe's requeſt inform that the matter that impeded his having a Certificate ſtill remains therefore they are again continued to have the care of that matter and report to our next monthly meeting.

The Clerk inform'd that he hath forwarded a copy of the minute on behalf of Sylvester Robinson to the place directed agreeable to direction.

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the [illegible] of the 9th month 1791.

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings by their accounts, are for Swanzey Clark Purinton jur. and David Earle, for Freetown, Edward Shove & James Law; who being called are all present, except James Lawe.

The Queries and Answers from the Preparative meetings was read in this, from which general Answers were sent with an account up to the next Quarterly meeting by our representatives who are Moses Buffinton, John Chase, & Eber Slade;

The matter respecting the pious education of our youth is refer'd again to our next monthly meeting.

The Committee appointed to see the marriages of John Robinson and Oliver Chase, decently consummated reported that they attended said marriages and not any thing appeared to them but that they were decently consummated and their Certificates were handed to the Register in order to be recorded.

The Committee to draw a testimony of the denial of Abner Chase, presented one to this meeting which after being corrected was approved of & signed by the Clerk and Moses Buffinton, is appointed to read said testimony at this house at the close of a publick meeting at a suitable time.

The Committee continued in the case of Jonathan Chase presented an information directed to Uxbridge monthly meeting which was approved of and signed by the Clerk. Also a Certificate on behalf of Jonathan Chase jur. which was signed by the Clerk and John Chase is appointed to forward said information together with said Certificate to the place directed and report when accomplished.

Swanzey Preparative meeting presented the following information viz: Whereas Collins Chase, hath married contrary to the order of friends also his appearance as to dress and address is ſuch as doth not become the members of our Society and hath almoſt wholly neglected the attendance of our religious meetings who hath ſeveral times been laboured with as to the laſt mentioned deficiency

Daniel Brayton,
Benjamin Buffinton, 2d. } Overſeers
Benjamin Slead,

Upon which this meeting doth deny him a right of membership with us until he manifeſt a ſincere return.

Alſo Sd. Preparative meeting informed that Samuel Slead was about to remove within the verge of Uxbridge monthly meeting and requeſted our Certificate Whereupon Benjamin Slead & Caleb Earle, are appointed to draw sd. Certificate if nothing appears to obſtruct and preſent to our next monthly meeting.

The Committee that had the care of the meeting held at the former Braytons reported that not any thing appeared but that sd. meeting hath been reputably kept up and that the continuation of sd. meeting might be of uſe — Whereupon sd. meeting is continued as heretofore until the fourth month next and the former Committee is ſtill continued to have the care thereof and report at the expiration of sd. term of time or ſooner if occaſion requires.

This meetings Auditors preſented as follows viz.

To the monthly meeting now ſetting. We your Audit have ſettled accounts with the Treaſurer and Overſeers of the poor and find a ballance due from the Treaſurer to the meeting of eighteen ſhillings and two pence up to this time and we think well of propoſing to the meeting to raiſing the ſum of twelve pounds to ſupply the Treaſury.

Edward Shove,
Daniel Brayton,
David Earle,

Upon which it is agreed to raiſe the above ſum and the Clerk is directed to furniſh each preparative meeting with a copy of the minute in order for ſubſcription and report thereof to next monthly meeting.

Alſo the ſum recommended down to Preparative meetings for the yearly meeting Stock is meant to be included in the above ſum

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 7th of the 11th month 1796.

The Repreſentatives from the Preparative meetings as by their accounts appear are for Swanſey Benjamin Slead, and Daniel Chaſe, Jur. for Freetown Edmond Anthony & George Shove who being called are all preſent.

The Repreſentatives inform that they all attended the Quarterly meeting agreeable to appointment and produced Extracts of Epiſtles one from the Yearly meeting held at London in fifth month 1795. alſo one from the Yearly meeting of Friends held at New York in the fifth month 1796, together with the London printed Epiſtle dated fifth month 1796, which were all read in this meeting to good ſatiſfaction.

The matter referd from our laſt meeting to this concerning the the pious education of our youth coming under the conſideration of this meeting and it appears there is a Committee appointed by the meeting for that purpoſe who are deſird to make report at our next monthly meeting.

Moſes Buffinton informd that he hath read the teſtimony of the denial of Abner Chaſe agreeable to appointment.

The Committee to prepare a Certificate on behalf of Ebenezer Keat, informe that there is an impediment in the way of his having a Certificate in conſequence of a difference ſubſiſting between him and another member and that they had uſed their Endeavours to have the matter [illegible], reconciled which hath prov'd ineffectual, and he hath removed with in the verge of Swanzey monthly meeting and neglected to ſettle the ſame Whereupon ~~Edmond~~ Edmond Anthony & Moſes Buffinton, together with the former Committee are appointed and deſired to pay particular attention to that matter in order that a difference be digeſted conſiſtant with Diſcipline and report thereof to next monthly meeting.

The Clerk inform'd that he hath forwarded, copy of the minute for ſubſcription agreeable to direction.

John Chaſe, inform'd that he hath forwarded the information concerning Jonathan Chaſe, alſo the Certificate on behalf of Jonathan Chaſe, each to the place they were directed to.

This meeting being inform'd that the time for which the Auditt was appointed for is expired.

Whereupon this meeting reappoints them for the year Enſuing.

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 5th of the 12th month 1796.

The accounts from the Preparative meetings being preſented the Repreſentatives therein named are for Swanſey Nathan Chaſe and Stephen Chaſe, for Freetown Adonijah Upton, and Edward Shove, who being called are all preſent.

The Committee re ſettling ſchools inform'd that they have attended to their appointment and that the report of a Committee in the 1st month laſt was ~~as~~ near the ſituation of the meeting at preſent, which report being ſent up it appears that there is no ſchools kept up under the immediate care of this meeting ſaid Committee is diſmiſſed and Moſes Buffinton, Nathan Chaſe, George Shove, and Adonijah Upton are appointed to uſe their indeavours that a ſchool or ſchools be ſet up agreeable to Diſcipline and report thereof at our monthly meeting in the fourth month next or ſooner if occation requires.

Swanſey Preparative meeting inform'd that the ſelect meeting had thought well of approving of the publick appearance of Jonathan Chaſe in the miniſtry which being conſidered met the concurrence of this and the womens meeting, and is directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting for their approbation.

The Committee appointed in the caſe of Samuel Read, inform'd that they have attended to their appointment and it appears that the matter is not ſettled therefore ſaid Committee are again continued to have the care thereof, and report to our next monthly meeting.

Jonathan Earle Daniel Chaſe Junr and Reuben Chaſe, are appointed to provide Hay, fire wood &c for the Quarterly meeting next to be holden at this place and when accompliſhed to preſent their accompt.

Freetown Preparative meeting inform'd that they have ſent up to this meeting One pound two ſhillings & three pence, which is ordered into our Treaſury.

John Chaſe is appointed to draw out of our Treaſury Four pounds Eight ſhillings & Eight pence which is our proportion of the Yearly meeting Stock, and forward to ſd meetings Treaſury and report thereof when accompliſhed.

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 2d of the 5th month 1797.

The accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Swansey Joseph Buffinton and Moses Buffinton, for Freetown, Samuel Shove, & John Joye, who being called are all present except Samuel Shove whose absence is occasioned through indisposition body.

Daniel Brayton informs that the time of his appointment as Clerk is expired upon which this meeting reappoints him Clerk for the year Ensuing.

The Queries and Answers were read in this meeting from which Answers was compiled agreeable to the recommendation of last yearly meeting and sent with an account up to the next Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are Nathan Chase, Daniel Brayton, & Adonijah Upton.

The committee continued in the case of Samuel Mead not being prepared to report they are again continued for the same purpose who are desired to report at our next monthly meeting.

The Committee appointed to collect memorials of Deceased Friends presented a Testimony concerning our friend Theophilus Shove, Deceased, which was read and approved of, signed by the clerk and directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting which was as followeth (viz)

A Testimony from the Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey 2d of the 5th mo 1797.

Concerning our friend Theophilus Shove, Deceased. —

As the Memory of the just is pronounced blessed, we think it our duty to give forth a Testimony concerning this our beloved friend.

He was born at Dighton the 7th of the 4th month 1715 of honest Parents (Edward and Lydia Shove) and early visited and convinced of the truth, and bore a publick Testimony for it before the Twentifirst year of his Age to the satisfaction of Friends.

Yet through unwatchfulness to that convincing Power that had in a good degree illuminated his understanding, he was captivated and drawn into the wilderness, by the subtle baits of the enemy for a season.

Nevertheless through the Lords goodness, and condescention he was mercifully visited, and plucked as a brand out of the midst of his burning [illegible] in [illegible] to sing on the banks of deliverance of the mercies and loving kindness of the Lord these continued from time to time.

And after a season of deep Exercise and humiliation he was favoured with a dispensation of the gospel again and in [illegible] and through a diligent attention to the [illegible] of [illegible] he witnessed a growth in his gift, and in the improvement thereof, a Ministrant [illegible] of the ability which God giveth, exciting others to keep up the watch, and maintain the guard, devoutly commemorating former mercies and frequently imploring the continuation thereof. —

He was diligent and Examplary in the attendance of our religious meetings for worship and Discipline, altho labour'd under great infirmity of body at times and frequently attended adjacent ones within the compass of our yearly meeting.

And once visited the Churches through the Southern governments as far as North Carolina, — having our concurrence in those visits, and at his return produced satisfactory certificates.

He was an affectionate Husband, a tender Parent (having great influence on the minds of his off-spring by a steady circumspect Example of self denial) a good Neighbour, and well beloved by his acquaintance of every rank and denomination, his life and conversation being grave, yet innocently cheerful, which rendered his company very agreeable.

He was a lover and promoter of peace, Unity and brotherly love, useful in our meetings for Discipline being found in judgment, concerned that the Camp might be preserved and kept clean.

Careful to visit the sick and those in affliction, and had to administer of the Wine, and Oil to their wounds, and continued to be living and green to the End of his days. —

And in his advanced years had often to express that he was sensible, that his outward man decayed, but the inward man grew stronger and stronger.

A few weeks before his death having a ſhock of the — Paralitick which [illegible] for many years before but ſo impaired the natural man, that it was with difficulty he bore up, he ſaid to ſome of the family that he had a deſire for ſome time, that he might not live to be burdenſom in his old age, and he believed his deſire would now be anſwered. —

Soon after ſaid he believed he ſhould go like the ſnuff of a candle, which ſuited as his ſtrength gradually failing to the laſt, and when aſked how he did; his anſwer generally was through the whole of his ſickneſs that he was eaſy in body — and mind.

One day ſome friends being preſent he expreſſed in ſubſtance as follows. — that he had for a long time been labouring to be ready for ſuch a day and hour, that his ſun might go down in its pure effulgence and brightneſs and that the evening curtain might be drawn in calmneſs, that he might leave a good ſavour behind him, and the time being come [illegible] no ſorrow, and expreſſed how neceſſary it was for every one, to be prepared — for ſuch a day & time, — and alſo to acknowledge the goodneſs of God to him, in the abundance of favours he received. —

A little before his final cloſe being aſked how he was he anſwered I am juſt paſſing away out of this and am ſettled in that unſhaken faith I have ~~[illegible]~~ believed in, —

Thus having finiſhed his courſe with joy and in unity with the faithful like a ſheaf of corn fully ripe [illegible] and [illegible] he is gathered into the garner of the Lord and made a partaker with the righteous. —

He quietly departed this life on the 30th of the 3rd month 1796, in the Eighty — firſt year of his age — a Miniſter about thirty years, — and was decently interred in Friends burying ground in Freetown the 1st of the 4th month after a ſolemn meeting of Friends and others. —

Signed in and on behalf of the meeting by
Daniel Brayton, Clerk, —
Abigail Lawton, Clerk, —

The aforeſaid Committee alſo preſented one concerning our Friend Benjamin Buffinton the Elder which we likewiſe approve of and is directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting which was ſigned by the Clerk and is as follows, (viz) —

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 2d of the 1st month 1797. —

It appearing that the ſubſtance of the following Teſtimony was drawn up ſoon after the death of the deceaſed, which of late being revived brought forward and deliberately conſidered in this meeting and many minds being accompanied with a lively remem=brance of the Pious & virtuous life; of this our beloved Friend, is an inducement at this day to preſerve a memorial thereof. —

The Teſtimony of the Monthly meeting of Friends at Swanſey concerning our Eſteemed Friend Benjamin Buffinton Deceaſed.

He was born at Lynn on the 9th of the 4th month [illegible] of Parents in profeſsion with us, by whom he was religiouſly Educated — his father removing his family within the verge of our monthly meeting when he was young, he became a member thereof, where he lived the remainder of his life. —

He was a ſober and religious youth and of a ſweet natural diſpoſition, very diſcreet and wiſe in his behaviour even from a Child, and as he grew in years, he grew in grace, and in the fear of the Lord, whereby he gave juſt hopes of being a ſerviceable member in Society, accompanied with a modeſt willingneſs to be uſeful in the beſt manner for the good of himſelf and others, being often imployed in difficult caſes which he managed with ſucceſs, which cauſed him to be greatly beloved by friends and others. —

He was called to the work of the miniſtry about the thirtieth year of his age; his firſt appearance was ſmall but well accepted and for many years did not ſtand long at a time but being well attended with life and power he was a deep traveller in ſpirit, careful to miniſter in the —

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Ability which the Lord only gives, he soon taking root abounded he was in due time rightly Qualified to bring forth fruit abundantly greatly to the comfort and consolation of the heritage of God, and being eminently gifted in the openings of Goſpel Doctrines, administering thereof to those in the plain and ſimple demonſtration of the Goſpel power to general ſatiſfaction even to the ſtopping of the mouths of gainſayers and to the convincing and converting of the ignorant and those that were miſled by the blind guides of the times. In which ſervice he travelled twice westward as far as North Carolina visiting almost all the meetings in those Provinces where he had good ſervice amongſt friends and others beſides many ſmall journeys within the verge of our Yearly meeting, which were all to good ſatiſfaction leaving many ſeals behind of his labours, his life being adorned with a becoming gravity, his words few and ſavory, ſo in converſation, being well guarded, In ſhort he was a bright and ſhining light very ſerviceable in the diſcipline of the Church, being a man of ſome inquiring it with his whole heart, having a good underſtanding ſound judgment, with a penetrating thought which enabled him to ſee the ſubtle workings of wicked and perverſe ſpirits that were beginning to creep into the Church foreſeeing the breach they would make, bore a faithful Teſtimony a=gainſt ſuch, thus like a Valiant in Iſrael he did ſtand for the Lords cauſe. May his Pious life and Teſtimonies example ſtir up many others to come up in his footſteps in the honeſt diſcharge of duty.

His removal from time was ſudden, being hurt at the raiſing of a building, after which he lived not an hour but appeared to be ſenſible to the laſt and departed in a reſigned frame of mind on the 9th of the 5th month 1767 aged [illegible] years a Miniſter about 27 and on the 11th of ſd month his corps being accompanied with a large body of friends and others to our meeting-houſe in Swanſey, and after a ſolemn meeting was decently Interred in friends burying ground. —

Signed in and on behalf of Sd. Meeting,
By {Daniel Brayton, Abigail Lawton} Clerks

John Chaſe produced a Receipt from the yearly meetings Treaſurer that he hath paid into Sd. Treaſury Four pounds Eight ſhillings & Eight pence it being the ſum he was directed to draw out of our Treaſury for that purpoſe. ——

This meeting received a paper from William Luther, Jr condemning his marrying contrary to the good order Eſtabliſhed amongſt Friends upon which we appoint John Chaſe, and Benjamin Mead to take an opportunity with him to diſcover his ſincerity therein and report thereof to our next monthly meeting. ——

Jonathan Chaſe, inform'd that he had thoughts of making a viſit as far as Saratoga, in order to ſee his friends this therefore may Certify that he is a member of our meeting and ſignifies that we have unity with his intended viſit and the Clerk is directed to furniſh him with a Coppy of this minute. ——

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the [illegible]th of the 2d month 1777.

The Repreſentatives from the reſpective meetings by their accounts appear are for Swanſey Oliver Chaſe & William Lawton, for Freetown Joſhua Shove & Samuel Shove, who being called are all preſent except Samuel Shove;

The Repreſentatives to attend the Quarterly meeting inform that they all attended alſo that they forwarded the Teſtimonies concerning of Friends Theophilus Shove, and Benjamin Buffinton, the Elder. agreeable to direction; ——

The Committee in the caſe of Samuel Mead, report that they have extended their care by letters, to him and not received any anſwer thought beſt of informing the monthly meeting where he reſides, and prepared a repreſentation ſtating the ſituation of his ſtanding which being approved of was ſigned by the Clerk,

and

And Jonathan Chaſe, is appointed to forward ye Repreſentation to the Monthly meeting of Uxbridge and report when accompliſhed.

The to take an opportunity with William Luther Jur. reſpecting his condemning marrying out inconſiſtant with the order of Friends, reported that they have not had an opportunity with him whereupon they are continued to have the care thereof and report to our next monthly meeting.

Received from the meeting for ſufferings the following minute (viz) — The Clerk is directed to forward a Coppy of the following minute to the Several monthly meetings (viz).
As the valuable Journal of our beloved friend Job Scott Deceaſed is expected ſoon to be printed, to contain about three hundred Octavo pages, bound and lettered the price to be three quarters of a Dollar. Each monthly meeting is deſired to appoint a perſon or perſons to receive ſubſcriptions, and forward the money to Moſes Brown of Providence; who has the care of forwarding the ſame to the printer in New York, the Books will be forwarded to your Committee as ſoon as may be.
Coppy Extracted from the minutes of a meeting for ſufferings held at Somerſet for New England the 12th of the 1st month 1797.
By Sylveſter Weekes Clerk.

Whereupon David Earle, George Shove, & Moſes Buffinton, are appointed to take ſubſcriptions and forward the money agreeable to the above minute and report thereof.

Our friend Stephen Mead informs this meeting that he has a proſpect of making a viſit in order to ſee his friends as far as Saratoga and he being an approved Miniſter, We have unity with his intended viſit and the Clerk is directed to furniſh him with a Coppy of this minute. —

Swanſey Preparative meeting informs that they have forwarded to this meetings Treaſury Eight pounds, Twelve ſhillings. —

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 6th day of the 3rd month 1797.

The Repreſentatives from Swanſey Preparative meeting as by their account, are Nathan Chaſe and Gideon Chaſe, who are preſent.

No account from Freetown Preparative meeting.

The Committee to take an opportunity with William Luther Jun. report that they have had one with him who appeared to be ſincere, upon which this meeting doth receive his acknowledgment for ſatiſfaction; And it appearing that he is removed within the verge of Uxbridge monthly meeting. Whereupon Daniel Brayton and Daniel Buffinton are appointed to prepare a Certificate on his behalf and bring to next monthly meeting.

The Overſeers inform'd that Jonathan Slead, hath for a conſiderable time neglected the attendance of our Religious meetings both for worſhip and Diſcipline, the conſideration of which is refer'd to our next monthly meeting.

The Overſeers inform'd that the time of their appointment is expired whereupon this meeting doth direct that each Preparative meeting nominate ſome ſuitable friends for that ſervice & preſent their Names to next monthly meeting, & the Clerk is directed to forward a Coppy of this minute to each Preparative meeting & report to next monthly meeting.

Received the following accompt. viz. The Monthly meeting of Swanſey Dr. To Hay, Wood &c. for the uſe of the Quarterly meeting held in the firſt month laſt to amount of Four pounds, Nine ſhillings.

Reuben Chaſe,
Daniel Chaſe, Jun.
Jonathan Earle,

Whereupon John Chaſe is appointed to draw the above ſum out of the Quarterly meetings Treaſury and report to next monthly meeting. The Clerk is directed to furniſh him with a Coppy of the minute reſpecting it.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 13: of 4th mo. 1797

The accounts being preſented from the Preparative meetings the Repreſentatives therein named are for Swanſey Stephen Chace & John Chaſe, 2d for Freetown John Boyce & James Lad, who being called are all preſent.

The Queries and Anſwers from the Preparative meetings were read in this meeting from which general Anſwers were compiled and ſent up to the Quarterly meeting with the account by our Repreſentatives who are Jonathan Chaſe, Daniel Brayton, and Edward Shove;

The Committee to prepare a Certificate on behalf of William Luther Junr to the monthly meeting of Friends at Uxbridge preſent one which was approved of and Signed by the Clerk and Daniel Brayton, is appointed to forward said Certificate to the place directed and to make report thereof when accompliſhed.

The matter reſpecting the complaint exhibited againſt Jonathan Mead, at our laſt monthly meeting coming under the conſideration of this, upon which Theophilus Shove, and Adonijah Upton are appointed to Labour with him for his recovery and report thereof to next monthly meeting. —

The Clerk informed that he hath forwarded to each Preparative meeting a copy of the minute for a new nomination of Overſeers

John Chaſe, is directed to pay to the Committee that was appointed to prepare Hay, and fire wood, &c. for the Quarterly meeting held in the first month laſt, — Four pounds Nine ſhillings which he had an order upon the Quarterly meetings Treaſurer for

The account from Freetown Preparative meeting not coming to hand at our laſt monthly meeting is now preſent. Azariah Shove, & Adonijah Upton, Repreſentatives, ye meeting in their account propoſes to the conſideration of this, that the

Monthly meeting be held part of the time at their meeting house
Whereupon whose opinion Jonathan Chase, Nathan Chase, George
Shove, and Edward Shove, are appointed to take the same into con-
sideration and report their judgment to next monthly meeting.

The Committee to have the care of that meeting at Rebecca
Brayton's report that said meeting appears to be reputably kept up
and that a continuation thereof would be useful. — upon which
said meeting with the Committee is continued as heretofore until
the tenth month next they then to report. —

The Committee on account of promoting schools agreeable
to our Discipline made the following report (viz)

We your Committee in care of erecting a school, or schools
agreeable to Discipline we attended to our appointment,
but not progress attained to different from our former method
of our Children partaking of learning —

Moses Buffinton,
Adonijah Lipton,
George Shove,
Nathan Chase,

And said Committee are again continued to use their endeavours
to encourage said schools and to make report thereof in the
Twelfth month next.

Freetown Preparative meeting forwarded to this meeting
One pound Eighteen shillings & three pence which is ordered
into the Treasury.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends,
held at Somerset for Swansey the 1st of the 5th mo. 1797.

The accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented
the Representatives therein named are for Swansey Darius Chase,
and David Earle, for Freetown John Boyce, & Edmund Anthony,
who being called are all present.

The Representatives to attend the last Quarterly meeting
inform'd that they all attended agreeable to appointment.

Daniel Brayton, informd that he had forwarded the Certificate on behalf of William Luther jun^r to the place directed. –

The Committee to take an opportunity with Jonathan Mead make the following report which is accepted of (viz) –

Agreeable to appointment we had an opportunity with Jonathan Mead and it appears to us there is no encouragement for any farther labour with him } which we submit to the meeting }

Theophilus Shove,
Adonijah Upton. –

The consideration of which is refer'd to our next monthly meeting

The Committee appointed to consider of the request of Freetown Preparative meeting respecting holding the monthly meeting part of the time at their meeting house; informd that part of them had attended to the matter, but not prepared to make a report at this time upon which they are continued and desired to attend to their appointment and report to our next monthly meeting. –

John Chase, informd that he had paid the Committee that provided for the Quarterly meeting agreeable to direction. –

Swansey Preparative meeting inform that they had nominated Benjamin Mead Daniel Brayton, and John Chase, to the place of overseers which this meeting doth approve of and they are appointed accordingly with the concurrance of the womens meeting for the year ensuing.

This meeting agrees to raise Nine pounds to supply the treasury and the Clerk is directed to furnish each Preparative meeting with a Copy of this minute. –

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 5th of the 6th mo. 1797. –

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings by their accounts appear, are, for Swansey, Nathan Chase, and Reuben Chase, for Freetown James Law, and Joshua Shove; who being called are all present. –

The matter refer'd from our last meeting concerning Jonathan Steere, coming under the consideration of this, upon which this meeting doth Disown him and Moses Buffinton is appointed to inform him thereof.

The Committee to take into consideration the request of [illegible] Preparative meeting made the following report which this meeting accepts of, viz: We of the Committee respecting [illegible] Preparative meeting's request relative to the monthly meeting being held there part of the time have attended thereto, and most of us visited that meeting and think best of dismissing that matter at present which we submit to the monthly meeting.

Hannah Earle,
Lydia Shove,
Moses Buffinton,
George Shove,
Edward Shove,
Nathan Chase,
Jonathan Chase,

And the same is dismissed accordingly.

Daniel Brayton, inform'd that he hath forwarded the minute for subscription to each Preparative meeting agreeable to directions.

The Committee in the case of Thomas S. Slocum, made the following report (viz) We your Committee in care of Thomas S. Slocum, have attended to our appointment and inform that he hath removed back within the verge of Rhode Island Monthly meeting and desires that his Certificate which hath lately come to hand, be returned.

Edward Shove,
Benjamin Slead,

Whereupon the Clerk is directed to forward a coppy of this minute together with the Certificate to Rhode Island Monthly meeting and report when accomplished.

Received the following extract from the Quarterly meeting

The Representatives presented an apportionment of the Five Hundred Dollars agreed to be raised toward defraying the expense of Wickford meeting house as follows viz:

Rhode Island	£ 25 - 6 - 5	South Kingston	£ 15 - 13 - 6
Greenwich	17 - 19 - 3	Uxbridge	18 - 13
Smithfield	17 - 16 - 5	Providence	23 - 7
Swansey	16 - 10	Richmond	4 - 19

And the Clerk with the assistant are appointed to furnish each monthly meeting with a coppy of this minute.

Extracted from the minutes of our Quarterly meeting held at East Greenwich the 13th & 14th of 4th mo. 1797.

By George Arnold, Clerk.

The consideration of which is referd to next monthly meeting.

Received at our last monthly meeting from Uxbridge monthly meeting an information relative to Jonathan Chase which is as follows.

Whereupon the following minute is agreed to be forwarded to that monthly meeting.

Your information relative to Jonathan Chase, came to hand at our last monthly meeting and the time propose for a settlement of the matter, being relapsed, together with the inconsistancy of the mode (without Georges acquiescence therein which appears to be the case) renders us under a necessity to continue our desire of your Brotherly assistance in that matter as heretofore.

Jonathan Chase is appointed to forward a coppy of this minute to Uxbridge monthly meeting and report when accomplished.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 3rd of the 7th mo. 1797.

The accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Swansey Daniel Chase junr and Benjamin Buffinton, for Freetown, Benjamin Lupton, [illegible] & John Boyce who being called are all present.

Moses Buffinton informed that he had acquainted Jonathan Head of the proceedings of this meeting against him.

The Clerk informed that he had forwarded a coppy of the minute respecting Thomas Slocum, to Rhode Island monthly meeting also returned his Certificate therewith agreeable to direction—

The matter referd at our last meeting respecting our proportion, of the charge of wickford meeting house, is again referd to next monthly meeting.

A Certificate from the monthly meeting of Friends at Sandwich in behalf of Theophilus Shove being presented, was read — and accepted—

Received from Uxbridge Monthly meeting the following information

(viz) From our Monthly meeting of Friends at Uxbridge. —

To the Monthly meeting of Friends at Swanſey -

Dear Friends, After our brotherly love we inform you that we have taken care by a Committee in the matter that came from you, reſpecting Samuel Shove, and our Committee reports that Samuel appears willing to ſubmit the matter of diſpute to Friends of Smithfield monthly meeting or any other except Swanſey, and that he was willing if this propoſition is fallen in with, that the friends choſen might ſet the time and place and as we have not had the particulars reſpecting said matter we cannot labour further in the caſe.

Signed in and on behalf of our above sd meeting. by Joſiah Shove, Clerk.

Whereupon George Shove, Benjamin Mead and Daniel Brayton, are appointed to take the neceſsary care in that matter and report thereof to next monthly meeting.

Jonathan Chaſe informs that he had forwarded a Coppy of the minute relative to an information from Uxbridge monthly meeting reſpecting Jonathan Chaſe, agreeable to direction.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 7th of the 8th mo. 1797.

The accounts from the Preparative meeting being preſented the Repreſentatives therein named are for Swanſey David Earle, and Jonathan Chaſe, for Freetown Hezekiah Shove, and Edward Shove, who being called are all preſent.

The Queries were read in this meeting and Anſwers from the ſeveral Preparative meetings from which General Anſwers were compiled and ſent up with an account to the next Quarterly meeting by our Repreſentatives who are Stephen Mead, Nathan Chaſe, and George Shove, —

A Committee verbally appointed at our laſt monthly meeting made the following report which is approved of (viz) —

We your Committee have conſidered on a method for raiſing money for the meetings uſe, do propoſe the following method that

that is for the meeting to have a Standing Committee for one year for the sd Committee to proportion the sums of money to be raised from time to time to individuals according to their ability and Circumstances to the best of sd Committee Judgement, and if any friend or friends should not comply with their apportionment the receiver of sd friend or friends the sum he or they was free to pay and the difficiency to be proportioned on those friends that doth comply with sd proportionment.

Azariah Shove } { George Shove,
Benjamin Mead } { Clark Purinton,

Whereupon Clark Purinton, Asa Chase, Benjamin Mead, Azariah Shove, George Shove and Stacy Chase, are appointed accordingly for the year ensuing.

The matter referred from last monthly meeting to this respecting our proportion of the expence of building Wickford meeting house coming under consideration whereupon our Committee are Desired to proportion the sum agreed upon by this meeting towards that expence among the members of this meeting agreeable to their appointment and sd Committee are desired to endeavour to collect the same and turn it into the Treasury. ——

Freetown preparative meeting forwarded Two pounds five shillings to the Treasury.

The Committee in the case of the Representation from Uxbridge Monthly meeting respecting Samuel Mead, ~~made the~~ presented the following information directed to sd meeting which being read was approved of and signed by the Clerk and is as follows

From our Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey 7th of the 8th month 1797. To the monthly meeting of Friends at Uxbridge.

Dear friends your information relative to Samuel Mead came to hand at our last monthly meeting and it appearing that you are desirous of the particulars respecting sd Case we therefore have thought proper herewith to forward a Copy of a minute of a report of our Committee appointed in conſequence of his removal as follows (viz) The Committee appointed to prepare a Certificate on behalf of Samuel Slead, report that there is an impediment in the way of his having a Certificate, in conſequence of a difference ſubſiſting between him and another member, and they have uſed their Endeavours to have the matter reconciled, which hath proved ineffectual and he hath removed within the verge of Uxbridge monthly meeting and neglected to ſettle the ſame. Whereupon we are ſtill deſirous for you to continue your brotherly labour agreeable to Diſcipline.

Signed in and on behalf of our ſd meeting.
By Daniel Brayton Clerk.

And Nathan Chaſe is appointed to forward a Copy thereof to Uxbridge monthly meeting and report at our next monthly meeting.

Swanſey Preparative meeting informs that Daniel Buffinton propoſed to offer his intention of marriage with Deborah [illegible] at this meeting they accordingly appeared and expreſsed their intentions of taking each other in marriage who are deſired to wait until next monthly meeting for an Anſwer and Jonathan Chaſe and Benjamin Slead are appointed to make the neceſsary inquiry into the Clearneſs of marriage of the ſd Daniel and report at our next monthly meeting.

The Committee that had the care of the meeting at Taunton being called on they not being ready to make a full report thereupon Jonathan Chaſe & Edward Shove, are appointed to join ſaid Committee in their ſervice and make report in the tenth month next.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 4th of the 9th month 1797.

The Repreſentatives from the Preparative meetings by their accounts appear, are for Swanſey John Anthony and Obed Chaſe, for Freetown Hezekiah Hilton, and James Lee, who being called are all preſent.

Stephen Slead, one of the Repreſentatives to the Quarterly meeting informs that he with the others attended agreeable to appointment

Received a removal Certificate on behalf of Benjamin Earle and his wife Mary with their children namely Elizabeth, & John, from the monthly meeting of Friends held for Providence which this meeting accepts of.

Received a Certificate on behalf of Zephaniah Slade, son of Edward from the monthly meeting of Friends at Dartmouth which this meeting accepts of.

Daniel Buffinton and Rebekah Earle appeared in this meeting and continued their intentions of marriage nor any thing appearing to hinder their said proceeding they are left to consummate their marriage agreeable to the good order of Friends and Jonathan Chase, and Daniel Brayton, are appointed to see said marriage decently consummated and to report to our next meeting.

It appearing that the time of the appointment of Overseers of the poor is expired upon which it is recommended to the several Preparative meeting to nominate some suitable friends for that purpose and send up their names to our next monthly meeting and the Clerk is directed to forward a Copy of this minute to each Preparative meeting. –

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 2d of 10th mo. 1797.

The accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Swansey Joseph Buffinton, & Silas Slade, for Freetown Samuel Shove, and William Boyce, who being called are all present Except William Boyce;

Received the Epistle from our last yearly meeting which was read in this meeting to good satisfaction and also the following Extracts – (viz)

Extracts from the minutes of the Yearly meeting of Friends held on Rhode Island for New England from the 8th of the 6th mo: to the 13th of the same inclusive – 1797. –

1st The Subject of Education having again had the deliberate consideration of this meeting we feel renewedly encouraged to recommend to monthly meetings who are not yet provided with necessary schools not to relax their Exertions to accomplish that desirable object, and that an account be again sent up next year of the progress therein.

2d It is concluded that the yearly meeting begin with a meeting of Ministers & Elders at Portsmouth on Rhode Island the seventh day after the second sixth day in the sixth Month at the Ninth hour in the morning and the Publick meetings for worship to begin on the first day following both at Newport and Portsmouth at the tenth hour in the morning and at the fourth hour in the after noon. The meeting for business to begin at Newport at the Ninth hour on second day morning following.

3d This meeting having concluded to raise four hundred Dollars Rhode Island Quarterly meeting is requested to forward to our Treasurer One hundred and Sixty Dollars their proportion thereof.

William Rotch, junr. Clerk

At the Quarterly Meeting held at Portsmouth on and for Rhode Island the 10th of the 8th Month 1797.

The Clerk was appointed to apportion to the several Monthly meetings agreeable to the last apportionment the sum of One hundred and Sixty Dollars our Quarterly proportion of the yearly meetings Stock, of which Swansey proportion is Seventeen Dollars and Eighty-four Cents.

George Arnold, Clerk

The Queries and Answers from the several Preparative meetings was read in this meeting from which a general Answer was prepared and sent up to the Quarterly meeting with an account by our representatives who are Adonijah Upton, John Chase, & Benjamin Buffinton

The matter reſpecting raiſing our proportion of the yearly meetings stock is refered to our next monthly meeting.

Nathan Chaſe informed that he hath forwarded the information reſpecting Samuel Slead to the monthly meeting of Uxbridge agreeable to direction.

The Committee to attend the marriage of Daniel Buffinton, and Rebekah Earle, report that said marriage was decently conſummated.

The Clerk informed that he hath forwarded a coppy of the minute reſpecting of the overſeers of the poor - upon which ſaid meeting inform that they have nominated Daniel Chaſe Junr Jonathan Chaſe, Theophilus Shove, George Shove, and Azariah Shove, for that ſervice which meets the approbation of this meeting and they are appointed accordingly for the year enſuing.

The Committee that had the care of that meeting held at Preserved Brayton's report that ſd meeting appeared to be reputably kept up, and that a Continuation of ſd meeting might be uſefull upon which that meeting with the Committee are continued untill the first month next & they then report.

The Committee that had the care of Taunton meeting are continued and deſired to report at our next monthly meeting.

Freetown Preparative meeting inform that there is an obſtruction in their nominating of Overſeers and requeſt this meetings aſſiſtance upon which Moses Buffinton, Daniel Brayton, and Benjamin Slead, are appointed for to attend that meeting and afford them ſuch aſſiſtance as they may be able of and report thereof to our next monthly meeting.

Swanſey Preparative meeting inform that they have forwarded to the Treaſury ſix pounds, fifteen ſhillings.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 6th of the 11th month 1797.

The accounts from the Preparative meetings being preſented the Repreſentatives therein named are for Swanſey Benjamin Slead, and Gideon Chaſe, for Freetown George Shove, and Benijah Upton, who being called the two latter preſent the other two not for which ſatiſfactory reaſons hath been given for their abſence.

Adonijah Upton, one of the Representatives to last Quarterly meeting inform that they all attended agreeable to appointment. —

Our Audit presented the following information (viz) —

Swansey 27th of 10th mo. 1797. then audited accounts with the Treasurer and found a ballance due to him from the meeting of two pounds five shillings. —
Daniel Brayton,
David Earle;

Upon which this meeting doth agree to raise sixteen pounds, ten shillings in order to supply our Treasurer and our apportionment of the yearly meetings stock, and our Committee for the purpose of proportioning to individuals are desired to attend to the matter agreeable to their appointment.

It appearing ~~that~~ the time of the appointment of our audit is expired upon which they are reappointed for the year ensuing. —

The Committee that had the care of Taunton meeting are again continued and desired to report to our next monthly meeting.

The Committee to attend Freetown Preparative meeting report that they all attended and that the obstruction appears to be removed. also that meeting informs that they have nominated George Shove, and Adonijah Upton, to the place of Overseers which this meeting approves of and appoints them accordingly for the year ensuing. —

Received the following information from the Monthly meeting of Friends at Rhode Island. (viz)

To the Monthly meeting of Friends at Swansey. —

Dear friends, — Your communication of 6th month last on behalf of Thomas S. Slocum, came to hand and was read in this meeting accompanied by his Certificate granted by us in 9th mo. 1796, and as he has been for some time a resident within the verge ~~of~~ and under the care of your meeting we think it consistant with good order that you give us such further information respecting his situation as is requisite in cases of removal. —

From our monthly meeting held at Newport for Rhode Island the 25th of 7th mo. 1797. —

Signed by direction of sd meeting — By Samuel Thurston Clerk. —

upon which this meeting doth appoint Moſes Buffinton and Daniel Brayton; to make the neceſsary inquiry in that caſe and report thereof to our next monthly meeting.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 4th of the 12th month 1797.

The accounts from the Preparative meetings being preſented the repreſentatives therein named are for Swanſey Nathan Chaſe and Benjamin Buffinton, for Freetown John Boyce & Samuel Shove. who being called are all preſent except Samuel Shove.

The Committee reſpecting Taunton meeting made the following report (viz) We of the Committee in care of that meeting at Taunton having taken the ſtate of it into conſideration, and we think it may be well to diſcontinue the ſame except one in a month under the care of a Committee which we ſubmit to the meeting.

Hannah Earle, Caleb Earle,
Eliſabeth Chaſe, Jonathan Chaſe,
Abigail Lawton, Benjamin Buffinton,

Whereupon that meeting is diſcontinued accordingly except the ſecond firſt day in each month until the fourth month next and Benjamin Slead, Benjamin Buffinton, David Earle, Nathan Chaſe, Daniel Brayton, Stephen Slead, and John Boyce, are appointed to have the care of ſd meeting, and report thereof at the expiration of term of time.

The Committee in conſequence of the information from Rhode Iſland Monthly meeting reſpecting Thomas E. Slocum, report as follows (viz) — We of the Committee reſpecting the Communication from Rhode Iſland monthly meeting in regard to Thomas E. Slocum; have attended to our appointment and under the preſent circumſtance of matters it appears to us ſafe to receive his certificate and to forward one for him repreſenting his ſtanding.

Moſes Buffinton,
Daniel Brayton;

Upon which his Certificate is received accordingly and a Certificate being preſented to this meeting on his behalf was read approved and ſigned by the Clerk. and Daniel Chaſe, Junr. is appointed to forward the ſame to the Monthly meeting of Rhode Iſland and report thereof when accompliſhed.

The Preparative meeting of Freetown preſented the following,

To the Preparative meeting of Friends to be held at Freetown the 13th 11th mo

1797 Edmond Davis ſome time paſt hath deviated from the wholeſome Rules of friends, ſo far as to keep Company with a young woman not of our Society, and proceeded in marriage with her and likewiſe defile the Marriage bed which appeard by his wife having a Child ſo ſoon after marriage. —

George Shove
Adonijah Upton } Overſeers

Whereupon Aſa Chaſe, and Clark Purinton, are appointed to take the Neceſsary care in that caſe, and report thereof to next monthly meeting. —

Jonathan Chaſe & David Earle are appointed to take the neceſsary care in providing hay, wood &c for the Quarterly Meeting next to held at this place, and preſent their account at a future meeting.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the firſt day of the 1st month 1798. —

The Repreſentatives from the Preparative meetings by their accounts appear are for Swanſey Benjamin Slade, and David Earle, for Freetown Enos Chaſe, and Joſhua Shove, who being called are all preſent. —

The Queries and Anſwers to them from the Preparative meeting was read in this meeting from which general concluſion was compiled and ſent up with an account to the Quarterly meeting by our Repreſentatives who are Nathan Chaſe, George Shove, and John Chaſe, —

We have directed our Treaſurer to forward our proportion towards defraying the Expence of building Bedford meeting Houſe to the Quarterly meetings Treaſurer. —

The Caſe of Edmond Davis is referd ~~to~~ under the care of the Committee until next monthly meeting they then to report. —

The Committee that had the care of the meeting held at [illegible] Braytons report that the meeting appeared to be kept ſuitably and that a continuation of ſd meeting might be uſeful upon

upon which said meeting is continued under the care of the former committee until the fourth month next they then to report.

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanzey the 5th of the 2d mo 1798.

The accounts from the Preparative meetings being preſented the Repreſentatives therein named are for Swanzey Peleg Chaſe, and Oliver Chaſe, for Freetown James Davis and Hezekiah Shove, who being called are all preſent.

The Clerk informs that the time of his appointment is expired upon which he is appointed to serve for the day. Jonathan Chaſe, and Moses Buffinton, are appointed to conſider of a suitable friend for that Service and report to our next monthly meeting.

The Repreſentatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended agreeable to their appointment.

The caſe of Edmund Davis is referred to our next meeting under the care of the ſame Committee they then to report.

Received the following information (viz)

From our Monthly meeting of Friends held at Uxbridge the 1st mo 12th [illegible] 1798.

To the Monthly meeting of Friends at Swanſey.

Reſpected Friends, Theſe are to inform you, that we received a letter from you several months paſt requeſting our further Labour with Samuel Read, reſpecting a difference between the sd Samuel and one of your members, we having done all in sd caſe that appears to us neceſsary and inform you that the sd Samuel was willing to ſubmit the matter of diſpute to Friends of any monthly meeting beſides Swanzey and there appears nothing further that we can uſefully do in sd caſe we conclude and are your friends and Brethren.

Signd in and by order of the above sd meeting

By Joſiah Shove Clerk

Upon which this meeting doth appoint Benjamin Slead, William Lawton, Moses Buffinton, and David Earle, to take the same under their consideration and proceed therein as way may open and report thereof to our next monthly meeting.

Received a Coppy of a minute from Uxbridge monthly meeting as follows (viz) Part of the Committee in the case of Jonathan Chase report that the matter is settled the Committee is dismissed, and the Clerk is directed to send a Coppy of this minute to Swanzey monthly meeting.
Extracted from the Minutes of Uxbridge monthly meeting held the 27th of the 10th month 1797.
By Josiah Chase Clerk.

Whereupon a Certificate being presented in behalf of the sd Jonathan and his wife Mary which after being read was approved and signed by the Clerk and John Chase is appointed to forward sd Certificate to the place directed and report when accomplished.

Swanzey Preparative meeting inform that Hannah Bowdish, request that Friends would have the care of her Children Namely Rebekah, and John Bowdish, upon which this meeting doth appoint Moses Buffinton, and Benjamin Earle, to take an opportunity with her on that account and report to our next monthly meeting their prospect thereof.

The Committee to procure Hay, Wood &c for the Quarterly meetings Expence presented the following account (viz)

The Expence for the Quarterly meeting held at Swanzey the 11th day of 5th month 1798 — for Hay, wood &c. to the amount of six pounds and six pence. —
Jonathan Chase,
David Earle,

which is approved by this meeting and David Earle is appointed to draw sd sum of out of the Quarterly meetings Treasury.

Daniel Chase Junr informs that he had forwarded the Certificate to Rhode Island monthly meeting in behalf of Thomas R. Slocum, agreeable to direction.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 5th of the 3d month 1798.

The Repreſentatives from the Preparative meetings by their accounts appear are for Swanſey Joſeph Buffinton, and Benjamin Earle, for Freetown Edward Shove, and Adonijah Upton, who being called are all preſent.

The Friends appointed to conſider of a ſuitable friend for ſerve as Clerk propoſed Daniel Brayton, which this meeting approves of and he is appointed accordingly for that ſervice for the year enſuing.

The Committee in the caſe of Edmond Davis reported which is accepted and is as follows.

We your Committee to inquire into the matter relating to Edmond Davis have had ſeveral opportunities with him and we are of an oppinion that he is in a good diſpoſition to make friends ſatiſfaction.
Aſa Chaſe,
Clark Purinton,

And the sd Edmond preſented a acknowledgement which after being read was returned for ſome alteration and the matter is continued until our next monthly meeting & the Committee are deſired to have the charge thereof and report to our next monthly meeting.

Part of the Committee appointed in the caſe of Samuel Shove reported to this meeting which is referred and the conſideration thereof to our next monthly meeting.

The Committee in the caſe of Hannah Buddiſton's requeſt not being ready to report they are continued to have the care of that matter and are deſired to report thereof to our next meeting.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 2d day of the 4th month 1798.

The accounts from the Preparative meetings being preſented the Repreſentatives therein named are for

Swanſey, John Chaſe 2d and Jonathan Davis, for Freetown John Boyce, and James Lee who being called are all preſent.

The Queries and Anſwers to them from the ſeveral Preparative meetings was read in this meeting from which general anſwers was prepared and ſent up with the account to next Quarterly meeting by our Repreſentatives who are Daniel Brayton, Adonijah Upton, and Benjamin Buffinton.

The Committee that was appointed to have the care of the meeting held at Taunton made report which is accepted of and is as follows.

We the Committee have attended all the meetings held at Taunton agreeable to appointment and we think it may be ſafe, to continue ſd meeting another Quarter under the care of a Committee.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.
By [illegible],

Upon which ſd meeting is continued as heretofore until the Eighth month next under the care of the former Committee who are deſired then to report what in their judgement, may be beſt in future reſpecting the continuation of that meeting and Edward Shove, is added to them.

The Committee to have the care of that meeting held at Preſerved Brayton's report that ſd meeting appears to be Reputably kept up, and ſd meeting is continued as heretofore until the Eighth month next under the care of the former Committee who are deſired then to report what in their Judgement may be beſt in future reſpecting the continuation of that meeting.

The Committee in the caſe of Hannah [illegible] requeſt report that they have attended to their appointment notwithſtanding ſd Committee are again continued to have the care of that matter and report to our next monthly meeting.

Swanſey Preparative meeting inform that William Chaſe appeared in their meeting and requeſted for himſelf and Children

Namely Samuell, Mary, Rachal, Sarah, Ruth, and Rebekah Bushe, to be taken under the care of this meeting and he also appear'd in this continuing his request as afores.d and his Wife joining with him in his request for their Children

Whereupon Moses Buffinton, Daniel Brayton, & Benjamin Chase, are appointed to take a solid opportunity ~~with~~ with the William and his wife and Children named in order to discover his sincerity therein and their Childrens suitableness to be received as requested for and make report thereof to next monthly meeting.

The case of Edmond Davis, is again continued to our next monthly meeting under the care of the former Committee

The case of Samuel Stead, is again referr'd to our next monthly meeting under the care of the former Committee.

Our Treasurer is directed to pay to the yearly meetings Treasurer Seventeen Dollars and Eighty four Cents it being our proportion of s.d meetings stock.

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 7th of the 5th month 1798 —

The members being present the Representatives therein named are for Swansey, John Chase 2d and William Lawton for Freetown George Shove and Edward Shove, who being called are all present —

The Representatives to attend the Quarterly meeting, Inform. that they all attended agreeable to Appointment. —

The Committee in the Case of Hannah Bowdish's request for her Children, report that Attention hath been paid to their Appointment, but not being fully satisfied, said Committee are again continued to have the care of that matter; and to report to our next meeting. —

The Committee in the Case of William Bushe request, report that they have attended to their Appointment, and said Committee are again Continued to have the care of that matter, and to report to our next Meeting —

The Caſe of Edmond Davis is again refer'd under the care of the former Committee who are deſired to report to our next meeting —

The Committee in the Caſe of Samuel Stead made report which this Meeting accepts of, and is as followeth. — We of the Committee have had an Opportunity with Samuel Stead on Account of his removeing, before he had Settled the matters that Obſtructed his haveing a Certificate, and Endeavoured to convince him of the Inconsistancy thereof which Appears not to have the deſir'd Effect we alſo adviſed him to return and Endeavour to have the matter reconſil'd which he refuſed to Comply with —

Swanzey 7th of 5th Mo.th 1790

Benjamin Stead —
David Earl —

Upon which this Meeting hath denied him right of Membership and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute —

Swanzey Preparative meeting presented the following information (Vizt) — These may inform that John Chaſe Jr hath so far given way to Diſsipation and Vanity as to Attend places of vain Recreation, such as danceing and Gameing, who hath been tenderly laboured with to little or no Effect — Signed by Overſeers — Benjamin Stead
Daniel Brayton
John Chaſe —

Upon which this Meeting doth Appoint Theophilus Shove and Nathan Chaſe to take an Opportunity and labour with him in order for his recovery and to make report thereof to our next Meeting

The time of Appointment of overſeers belonging to Swanzey Preparative meeting being expir'd, upon which they are reappointed for the year Enſuing. Namely John Chaſe Benjamin Stead and Daniel Brayton —

41. At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanzey the 4th of 6th Mo.th 1790. The Repreſentatives from the Preparatives, ~~viz the Preparative~~ Meetings by their Accounts appear, are for Swanzey David Earl & Darius Chaſe For Freetown John Boyce and Adonijah Upton who being called are all preſent —

The Committee in sd Case of Hannah Bowdish's request for her Children, not being prepar'd to report, they are again continued to have the care thereof, who are desir'd to report ~~[illegible]~~ to our next meeting —

The Committee in the Case of William Bushe request, made the following report (Viz) — We of the Committee in regard to William Bushe and Wives request have had an Opportunity with him and Family on that Account, and it appears to us That their motives are Good and they sincere therein several of the Eldest Children expressing their desire also, —

Swanzey 2d of 5th mo 1790

Moses Buffinton
Benjamin Stead
Daniel Brayton
Elizabeth Chase
Bithany Buffinton

And said report meeting the Approbation of this and the womens meeting, he is received into Membership accordingly together with his Children as heretofore Named —

Edmond Davis Appear'd in this meeting and presented the following paper Condemning his misconduct (Viz) To the monthly meeting now Sitting — Respected Friends Some time past, I through unwatchfulness placed my affections on a Young woman not of our Society, and Marrying contrary to good order of Friends, and likewise so far deviated from Chastity as to bring a reproach upon friends and sorrow upon myself, all which conduct I am sorry for, and do condemn, and desire friends to pass by my offences and continue me under Your watchfully care — Edmond Davis

which this Meeting accepts of for Satisfaction — — —

The Clerk inform'd this Meeting that he hath forwarded the Minute of denial of Samuel Stead agreeable to Appointment. And a paper being presented to this meeting signed by the sd Samuel signifying his Appeal from the Judgment of this meeting thereupon William Lawton, Moses Buffinton George Shove and Benjamin Stead, are appointed to represent sd Case to the Quarterly meeting, in behalf of this Meeting —

The Committee appointed in the Case of John Chase Junr report, that they have had an Opportunity with him, but not proving satisfactory, said committee are continued, who are desired to report to our next meeting —

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 2d day of 7th mo 1790 — The Representatives from the Preparative meetings by their Accounts appear are for Swanzey William Lawton and Reuben Chase, for Freetown Edmond Anthony and Edward Shove, who being called are all present — The Committee in the Case of Hannah Bowdish's request for her Children inform that they have paid attention to their Appointment, notwithstanding not prepared to report they are again Continued for that Service; who are desired to to our next meeting, and William Lawton is added to them — The Committee in the Case of John Chase Junr not being prepared to report, they are again continued, who are desired to report to our next Meeting —

Swanzey Preparative Meeting inform that Elijah Cornell Appeared in their meeting and requested to be taken under the care of Friends, who likewise Appeared in this, continue his request as aforesaid, whereupon this meeting Appoint Benjamin Buffinton, Adonijah Upton and Benjamin Slead to take a Solid Opportunity with him, in order to discover his Sincerity therein, and report thereof to our next Meeting —

Said Preparative Meeting likewise represented that Preserved Brayton, proposed to offer his Intentions of marriage with ~~B~~ Hannah Bowdish at this meeting they accordingly Appeared, and expressed their Intentions of takeing Each other in Marriage who are desired to wait untill next monthly meeting for an Answer, and Moses Buffinton and John Chase are Appointed to make the necessary inquiry into the Clearness of marriage of the said Preserved, and report at next Monthly meeting —

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 6th of the 8th Mo 1790 — The Accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein Named are for Swanzey Stephen Chase and Benjamin Buffinton, for Freetown George Shove, and John Boyce who being called are all present —

The 8 Queries and Answers to them from the several Preparative Meetings was read in this meeting from which general Answers were Compiled and sent up to the Quarterly meeting with the Account by our Representatives who are George Shove Benjamin Slead and Nathan Chase —

The Committee in the Case of Hannah Bowdish's request not being prepared to report, they are again Continued, who are desired to Attend to their Appointment and to report to our next meeting

The Committee in the Case of John Chase jun.r made the following report (Viz.t) Agreeable to Appointment we have had an Opportunity with John Chase Junr. and laboured with him, to bring him to a Sense of his Outgoings which proved Ineffectual

Theophilus Shove
Nathan Chase

Upon which this meeting with the Concurrence of the Womens doth deny him right of Membership untill there Appears a manifest return, & John Chase and Benjamin Slead, is Appointed to inform him of his denial, and right of Appealy, and to report to next monthly meeting

The Committee in the Case of Elijah Cornell's request report that they have had a Satisfactory opportunity with him, Notwithstanding they are continued who are desired to report to our next meeting.

The Committee appointed to Inquire into the Clearness of Preserved Brayton respecting Marriage, report, that not any thing Appeared to hinder, and he Appearing in this meeting, with Hannah Bowdish Continued his former Intentions of Marriage, Whereupon they are at Liberty to Consummate the same, According to the good order Established Amongst Friends — Theophilus Shove, and Asa Chase are Appointed to see said Marriage decently Consummated and report to next meeting

The Committee that was Appointed to have the care of that meeting at Taunton, made report, which this meeting Accepts of, and is followeth — We of the Committee respecting Taunton meeting, have pretty generally attended said meeting, and Considering the Languid state thereof, and Solidly weighing the same are of the Judgment that s.d meeting be discontinued nevertheless think it may be safe to grant them one meeting as heretofore, in order to inform them thereof all which we Submit to the meeting —

Stephen Slead
Benjamin Slead
Benjamin Buffinton
Daniel Brayton
David Earl
Edward Shove
John Boyce —

Thereupon s.d meeting is discontinued accordingly with a meetings being granted agreeable to the report, and the former Committee are Continued to Attend and to inform them the proceedings of this meeting, and to report to next meeting

The Committee Appointed to have the care of that Meeting at Preserved Braytons made the following report, which this meeting Accepts of; (Viz^t) Some of Us have Attended all the meetings at Preserved Braytons (since our last Account) and they appear to have been reputably kept up. and we believe that the Continuation, of one there will, be of Use, under the care of A Committee to report as Occasion may require: —

Moses Bufinton
John Chase
Elizabeth Chase
Eunice Brayton

Whereupon a Meeting is granted, on the third first day in Each month, under the care of John Chase, Nathan Chase and Benjam^in Slead to report Accordingly —

The Representatives from Swanzey Preparative meeting inform'd this, that it was expedient there be an Addition of a Friend to the place of an Overseer of the poor Whereupon Reuben Chase is Appointed accordingly —

At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 3 day of 9^th Mo^th 1790

The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings by their Accounts appear are for Swanzey William Buffum and Francis Chase for Freetown Azariah Shove and James Law, who being called are all present except William Buffum. The Representatives Appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting, report ~~that~~ they all Attended, and produced Extracts of Minutes from our last Yearly and Quarterly Meeting which being read, the Several matters therein contained are refered to our next meeting and s^d Extracts are as follows (Viz^t) —

Extracts from the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting for New England held on Rhode Island by Adjournments from the 10th of 6th Mo 1790 to the 13th of the Same inclusive
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By reports from all the Quarterly meetings it Appears that Friends have continued some Attention to the Subject of Education and that there still are Schools in several meetings under the Government of Society but that the Subject has not made much progress since last Year —

Friends are Nevertheless Affectionately desired as they regard the good of their Children to endeavour with renewed concern to promote the Establishment of Such Schools, in order that their Offspring may have the Advantage of a Religious and guarded Education, and render an Account of the State of this concern to this Meeting next Year —

The Committee appointed to consider of the Subject of removing the public Meetings preceding the Quarterly meetings on the application from Rhode Island Quarter propose that the Subject at large be referred to the next Yearly meeting and that Rhode Island Quarter be left at Liberty to make such alterations in the time and manner of holding their Quarterly Meetings for one Year, as may remedy the difficulty under which they labour, which is Accepted and the same they are [illegible] accordingly

The Representatives reported an Apportionment of Six hundred Dollars agreed to be raised as follows (Viz.)

Rhode Island Quarter	240 Dollars
Sandwich	240 —
Salem	84
Falmouth	36
	600 —

which is Accepted and the Quarterly meetings are desired to send their proportions to the Treasurer, and an Account thereof to this meeting next Year —

The several Quarterly meetings are desired to enter into a subscription in freedom to Assist the Quarterly meeting at Falmouth in building several meeting Houses which they represent to this meeting are Necessary to be built to Accommodate Friends who are not in Circumstances to do it without Assistance and send that they may raise to the Treasurer of that Quarterly meeting — and an Account to this meeting next Year —

Extracted from the Minutes
William Almy Clerk to the
Meeting this Year —

Extract from the Minutes of the Quarterly meeting held at Portsmouth on and for Rhode Island the 9th of the 8th Mo 1798

It Appearing by the Extract of the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting; that meeting had left this Quarterly meeting at Liberty to make such alterations in respect to holding the Quarterly meeting as may Appear necessary, and this meeting resuming the Consideration thereof do agree that the Quarterly meeting for business held in the 11th Mo 1798 at Smithfield begin on fourth day of the Week preceding the usual time at the Eleventh hour and that the meeting for Worship begin at the Eleventh hour the next day as heretofore held

Swanzey's proportion of Quarterly meetings Stock named by the Representatives is Twenty Dollars and of the Yearly meeting Stock Nineteen Dollars and twenty Cents

Examined by George Arnold Clerk

The Committee in the Case of Hannah Bowdish's request made the following report which (viz) We have had several Opportunities with her on that Account and her Motives therein Appears to us in a degree good

Moses Buffinton
Benjamin Earl
William Lawton
Elizabeth Co
Bethany Buffinton

Upon which this meeting doth receive her Children named John and Rebeckah Bowdish under their Care

The Committee Appointed to Inform John Chase jun.r of his denial and right of Appeal report that they informed him accordingly

The Committee in the Case of Elijah Cornell's request made the following report (viz) We the Committee in the Case of Elijah Cornell have attended to our Appointment, and we think he is Sincere in his request

Benjamin Slead,
Benjamin Buffinton
Adonijah Upton

And after deliberate Consideration thereon he is received into Membership

One of the Committee appointed to inform Swanzey Meeting the Judgment of this Concerning that Meeting reported that he informed them Accordingly

This Meeting being informed that Theophilus Shove 2d requests a Certificate on Account of Marriage to the Monthly meeting of Friends at Sandwich, Adonijah Upston & Azariah Shove are Appointed to make the necessary inquiry, and prepare one Accordingly if nothing appears to Obstruct and present to next meeting

At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 4th of 7th Mo 1798

The Account from the Preparative Meetings being presented the Representatives therein Named are for Swanzey Benjamin Slead & Nathan Chase, for Freetown William Boyce and Samuel Shove who being are all present

Our Friend Daniel Haviland Attended this meeting with a Certificate from Oblong Monthly meeting and concurring one from the Quarterly meeting held at the Purchase State of New York, which was read in this Meeting and with his Gospel Labours was acceptable

Also our Friend Tripp Fisher attended this Meeting with a Copy of a minute from ~~xxx~~ Nine Partners monthly Meeting which was read to Satisfaction

The Queries and Answers to them was read in this Meeting from which general answers was prepared and sent up to the Quarterly meeting with the Account by our Representatives who are Stephen Buffinton, David Earl and Adonijah Upton

The Consideration of the Extracts from our last yearly meeting are refered to our next Meeting

This Meeting agrees to raise the sum of One Hundred and [illegible] Dollars to Supply our Treasurer

The Committee Appointed to Inquire into Theophilus Shove 2d Clearness respecting Marriage and to prepare a Certificate for him reported, that nothing appeared to Obstruct and presented one on his behalf directed to the monthly meeting at Sandwich, which was Approved of and Signed by the Clerk

At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 5th of the 11th Mo 1798. —

The Accounts from the Preparative Meeting being presented the Representatives therein Named are: for Swanzey Nathan Chase and Job Chase for Freetown Edmond Anthony and Enos Chase who being called are all present —

The matter referred to from our last monthly meeting coming under consideration of this which being the advice of our last Yearly meeting respecting a guarded education of our Youth, after deliberating thereon the matter is referred to the Committee appointed by this meeting for that purpose who are desired to advise in that case as way may open, and to report in the fourth month next — This Meeting Appoints Jonathan Chase and George Shove a Committee to receive Subscriptions from such friends as have a freedom to subscribe for use of Friends in Falmouth Quarter in order to defray the Expences for building Meeting Houses, and to report their doings in the fourth month next —

The Representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting report that they all attended, agreeable to Appointment —

The Committee appointed to Apportion such Sums of Money, agreed to be raised by this meeting, appears to be expired Whereupon they are reappointed for the Year ensuing and Azariah Shove & Job Chase, Edmond Anthony and Obadiah Chase are added to them who are desired to Apportion the Sum agreed on at last month —

It Appearing to this Meeting that the time of Appointment of our Audit is expired, Upon which this Meeting appoints Daniel Brayton Adonijah Upton and Stephen Chase for that Purpose the Year Ensuing —

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 3d of the 12th Mo 1798 — The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings by their Account appear are for Swanzey Benjamin Buffinton, and Reuben Chase for Freetown William Boyce and Edward Shove who being called are all present — It Appearing to this meeting that the time of Appointment of Overseers of the Poor is expired Whereupon this meeting Appoints Abiejah Upton Nathan Chase, Peleg Chase, Edward Shove and Reuben Chase for that Service the Year Ensueing —

Our Audit presented the following Account (viz) — We have Settled Accompts with the Overseers of the Poor and find due to them Fifty Six Dollars and Sixty five Cents up to this date; Abiejah Upton
Swanzey 3d of the 12th mo 1798 ; Stephen Chase
Daniel Brayton

Whereupon the Overseers are directed to draw the above Sum out of the Treasurer — This meeting Appoints David Earl and Joseph Buffinton to provide Hay Firewood &c. for the use of our Quarterly meeting next to be held at this place and present their Accompt at A future Meeting —

1799 At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 7th of the 1st Mo 1799 — The Accounts from the Preparative Meetings, being presented the Representatives therein Named are for Swanzey Benjamin Slead and Nathan Chase for Freetown Hezekiah Shove 2d and Enoch Chase who being called are all present — The Queries and Answers to them from the several Preparative meetings was read in this from which general Answers was prepared and sent with the account to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives viz Nathan Chase Benjamin Buffinton and Joshua Shove —

Freetown Preparative Meeting in their Account, inform that John Davis proposed to offer his Intentions of Marriage with Mary Upton, who accordingly appeared with the sd Mary, ~~with~~ & in this meeting, with a Certificate from the monthly meeting of Friends at Saratoga, and declared their intentions of taking Each other in Marriage, who are desired to wait untill next monthly meeting for an Answer —

2/1799 At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 4th of the 2 Mo 1799 — The Representatives from the Preparative Meetings by their Accounts appear are for Swanzey William Lawton and Eber Slade For Freetown John Boyce and Adonijah Upton, who being called are all present — The Representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting, reported that they all Attended Agreable to Appointment —

John Davis appeared in this meeting with Mary Upton and Continued his Intention of Marriage, not any thing Appearing to obstruct, they are left at liberty to proceed according to the Established order of Society, Edward Shove and John Boyce are appointed to See said Marriage decently Consummated and that the the Certificate be recorded and report thereof to next monthly meeting

Freetown Preparative meeting, informed that Sarah Bowen request that her Children be taken under the Care of Friends Namely (David, Stephen, and Mary Bowen, Upon which this meeting Appoints Edward Shove and Moses Buffinton to take a Solid Opportunity with her, and to report their prospects to our next Meeting —

The Committee appointed to provide fire wood &c, for the Use of the Quarterly meeting presented their Accompt of Cost which amounts to Twenty Dollars & Ninety one Cents, which this meeting approves of and directs that John Chase draw the Same out of the Quarterly meetings Treasurer —

At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanzey the 4th of 3d Mo 1799 —

The Accounts from the Preparative meetings being preſented the Repreſentatives therein Named are for Swanzey Gedion Chaſe and Oliver Chaſe for Freetown Enos Chaſe and Theophilus Shove, who are all preſent —

The Clerk informed this meeting that the time of his Appointment is expired, upon which he is Appointed Clerk for the preſent day and the Repreſentatives are deſired to Conſider of a Suitable friend for that ſervice alſo an Aſsiſtant and report their names to our next Meeting —

Edward Shove informed this meeting that the Marriage of John Davis appeared to be decently Conſummated and that the said Certificate is recorded —

The Committee that was Appointed in conſequence of Sarah Brown's requeſt for her Children, reported and after being conſidered in this meeting it returned to them again, to make the report more explicit and preſent it to our next meeting —

This Meeting taking into weighty Conſideration the Neceſsity of a Solid Committee to attend the Burials of Deceaſed Friends and to ſee that they are decently Interred and to Adviſe and Aſsiſt therein as Occaſion requires Whereupon George Shove, Benjamin Slead, Reuben Chaſe, Edward Shove and Nathan Chaſe, are Appointed for that ſervice the Year Inſuing — This meeting being informed by one of the Committee appointed to have the Charge of recording Births Deaths and Burials that there was Conſiderable neglect on them Accounts Whereupon, Benjamin Slead Benjamin Earl, Caleb Earl, Edward Shove & Daniel Brayton, are Appointed for that ſervice the Year Inſuing — alſo to call on thoſe Friends that are deficient in the above reſpects — The womens meeting informed this that they have denyed Eſther Chaſe Memberſhip, which this Meeting concurs with —

At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 1st of the 4th Mo. 1799 —

The Accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein Named are for Swanzey Asa Chase, and Joseph Buffinton, for Freetown Edmond Anthony and Adonijah Upton, who being call'd are all present —

The matter that was left in Charge with the Representatives at our last meeting, respecting a Friend to serve as Clerk, also an Assistant, proposed Daniel Brayton as Clerk and Reuben Chase Assistant which meeting the Approbation of this meeting, they are Appointed accordingly for the Year Insueing

The Queries with the Answers from the several preparative meetings were read in this from which general Answers was Compiled and with an Account was sent to next Quarterly meeting by Daniel Brayton Benjamin Slead and Adonijah Upton, whom we Appoint to Attend the Quarterly meeting as our Representatives.

The matter that was refer'd to our School Committee, some months past, respecting a Guarded Education of our Youth reported to this meeting that Friends Children have been mostly schooled by members of our Society altho no School hath been kept up under the Immediate care of this Meeting, and said Committee is dismisse'd from the service by their request —

The Committee Appointed to take Subscriptions of Friends towards defraying the expences of building meeting Houses in Falmouth Quarter informed that they had attended to their Appointment, and as but little progress has been made by the Committee, this meeting directs their Treasurer to forward Ten Dollars to the Treasury of Falmouth Quarterly meeting. we also direct our sd Treasurer, to forward to the Yearly meetings Treasury Nineteen Dollars and twenty Cents our proportion of the Yearly meeting Stock

This meeting was informed that Robert Slead has gone to reside for some time within the Verge of Uxbridge monthly meeting he being a Member of this meeting and the Clerk is directed to send a Copy of this minute to that Meeting

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 6th of the 5th Mo 1797—
The Representatives from the Preparative meetings by their Account appear are for Swanzey Benjamin Buffinton and Jonathan Earl for Freetown Edward Shove and John Boyce who being call'd are all present—

The Representatives Appointed to attend the last Quarterly meeting inform'd that they all Attended agreeable to appointment—

The Clerk inform'd that he had forwarded a Copy of the Minute to Uxbridge respecting Robert Slead agreeable to direction of last monthly meeting—

The Committee continued in the Case of Sarah Bowen's request made the following report (Viz) We the Committee have had an Opportunity with Sarah Bowen and Family respecting her request for her Children to be taken under friends care which Opportunity was in a good degree satisfactory as she appeared to be Sincere therein—

Moses Buffinton
Edward Shove
Patience Buffinton
Sarah Purinton—

Upon which this meeting with the Concurrence of the womens meeting doth receive her Children under their care Namely David Stephen and Mary Bowen—

It appearing to this meeting that the time for which the Overseers belonging to Swanzey Preparative Meeting is expired upon which Daniel Brayton, John Chase and Benjamin Slead are reappointed to that service for the Year Ensuing—

John Chase inform'd this meeting that he had drawn Twenty Dollars and Ninety one Cents out of the Quarterly meeting Treasury, agreeable to direction of this meeting in the 2d Mo which Sum he hath paid to the Committee that furnished the Hay Wood &c, at the Quarter in first month last—

Received the following Extracts from our Quarterly meeting (Viz) The Committee appointed at last Quarter to take into Consideration the Subject of dividing this Quarterly meeting made the following report (Viz) We of the Committee appointed to Consider of the proposal of dividing the Quarterly meeting have had a solid satisfactory Conference on the Subject and it is our

Opinion, that it will be best to refer the matter, that it may further Considered and digested —

Signed in behalf of the Committee } by Sylvester Hick
that are present — } Deborah Greene —

Which being Agreeable to this meeting, it is referr'd for the further Consideration of next Quarterly meeting, and the Clerk is directed to furnish each monthly meeting with a Copy of this Minute — The Committee appointed to Audit the Treasurers Accompt reported the Sum of 100 Dollars to be raised to Supply the Quarterly meetings Treasury, which sum it is agreed that the Representatives appointed at next Quarter proportion to the several monthly meetings, and that they in future meet at the ninth hour in the morning, the day of the Quarterly meeting for the purpose of making a summary of the Answers to the Queries, and such other business as may be necessary for them to take into Consideration —

Extracted from the minutes of A Quarterly meeting held at East Greenwich the 11th & 12th days of 4th Mo. 1799

By Obadiah Brown Assistant Clerk —

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 3 of the 6th Mo. 1799 — The Representatives from the Preparative meetings by their accounts appear are for Swanzey Peleg Chase and Stephen Chase for Freetown Edward Shove & James Law, who being called are all present — This meeting taking into consideration the matter respecting Joseph Weaver, who long since removed within the Verge of the Oblong monthly meeting, and from thence to the Creek monthly meeting, upon which this meeting hath forwarded the following information to that meeting (Viz) From our monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 3 of 6th mo. 1799 — To the Creek monthly meeting at the Ninepartners — Dear Friends We hereby inform that we have received no Anſwer from You reſpecting Joseph [illegible] whoſe standing in Society was forwarded to You in the 9th mo 1795 by our Information which we have underſtood you seasonably received therefore it Appears needleſs to renew it Again but deſire to hear from you reſpecting that Subject—

Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting aforesaid

By Reuben Chaſe Aſsistant Clerk—

And Moſes Buffinton is deſired to forward the above lines to the Creek monthly meeting, and report at next monthly meeting

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends Held at Somerſet for Swanzey the 4th day of the 7th Mo 1799

The Repreſentatives from the Preparative meetings by their Accounts are for Swanzey William Lawton and Benjamin Slead for Freetown Adonijah Upton and Enos Chaſe, who being called are all Preſent—

Moſes Buffinton inform'd that he hath not had an Opportunity to forward the information to the Creek monthly meeting who is Continued for that service and to report when Accompliſhed

The Printed general Epiſtle from the Yearly meeting in London for 1797 and 1798 being both read in this meeting to good Satiſfaction — Jonathan Chaſe inform'd this meeting that a Concern had for some time reſted on his mind to requeſt that his four ~~Children~~ Youngest Children be taken under the care of Friends Namely Levi, Mary, Sybbel, and David Chaſe Whereupon Adonijah Upton, Nathan Chaſe and Theophilus Shove are Appointed to take a Solid Opportunity with him on that Account, and report their proſpect at next monthly Meeting

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanzey the 5th of 8th Mo 1799 — The repreſentatives from the Preparative meetings by their Accounts are for Swanzey John Chaſe, and Eber Slead for Freetown Edward Shove and Enos Chaſe who being called are all preſent —

The Queries with Anſwers from the several preparative meetings were read in this meeting from which general Anſwers was Compiled and with an Account was sent up to our next Quarterly meeting By Benjamin Slead, Jonathan Chaſe & Joseph Buffinton whom we Appoint to attend Said Quarterly meeting as our Repreſentatives — This meeting directs that the Treaſurer thereof send to the Quarterly meetings Treaſurer the Sum of Twenty Dollars our proportion of said meetings Stock for laſt Year —— The Committee in Caſe of Jonathan Chaſe's requeſt made the following report (Viz) — We Your Committee have had an Opportunity with Jonathan Chaſe and his Wife, on account of his requeſt for his Children being taken under Friends care which after Solid consideration thereon we believe it may be beſt to grant his requeſt and accept thoſe requeſted for accordingly Namely Levi, Mary, Sybbel, and David Chaſe, which we Submit — Signed on behalf of the Committee

By Adoniah Upton
Abigail Lawton

and the above Named Children are received under the care of this meeting —

The Overseers of the Poor exhibited the following (Viz) —

1799 Swanzey monthly meeting Dr

To expence in Supporting the Poor of Society up to the 5th of 7th Mo — whole Amount to £ # 52.95

Reuben Chaſe
Peleg Chaſe
Overſeers of the Poor

Then Auditted the above Accompt up to the preſent date —

Adonijah Upton
Daniel Brayton
Stephen Chaſe

This Meeting concludes to Raiſe the Sum of Eighty Dollars to Supply the Treaſury and our Committee is directed to Apportion ~~that~~ Sum among the Members of this Meeting —

At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanzey 2d of 9th Mo. 1799 — The accounts being preſented the Repreſentatives from the Preparative meetings, ~~appear~~, are, for Swanzey Benjamin Buffinton and Benjamin Earl, for Freetown Theophilus Shove, and Adonijah Upton who being called are all preſent —

The Repreſentatives Appointed to attend the laſt Quarterly Inform'd that they all Attended —

It appearing to this Meeting that the time for which the Overſeers for Freetown Preparative Meeting is expired, which matter coming under Conſideration, we Appoint Adonijah Upton and George Shove to that Service, untill the fifth month next that being the time thoſe for Swanzey Preparative meeting will Expire —

At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanzey the 7th of 10th Mo. 1799 —

The Accounts from the Preparative Meetings being preſented the Repreſentatives therein Named are, for Swanzey Daniel Buffinton and Theophilus Shove, for Freetown George Shove. Edward Shove, who being called are all Preſent —

The Queries with Anſwers, from the ſeveral Preparative meetings were Read in this meeting from which general anſwers was Compiled and with an Account ſent up to our Next Quarterly Meeting by Benjamin Buffinton, Reuben Chaſe and Adonijah Upton whom we Appoint to attend said Quarterly Meeting as Repreſentatives — This Meeting received the following requeſt (Viz) To the Preparative & monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerſet for Swanzey 2d of 10th mo. 1799 — Dear Friends. I have had a deſire for ſome time that my Children (Namely William Azariah Daniel & Phinea and ffable) be admitted under Your Chriſtian care it appearing ~~[illegible]~~ at this ~~this~~ time right for me to lay the ſame before You} Sarah Chaſe — for Your Conſideration and Diſpoſal, Thereupon Theophilus Shove Daniel Brayton and Benjamin Slead are appointed to take a ſolid Opportunity with her on that Account and report their Senſe thereon at Next monthly Meeting —

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 4 of 11 Mo 1799 — The Representatives from the Preparative meetings by their Accounts appear are for Swanzey Job Anthony and Peleg Chase, for Freetown Edmund Anthony and Azariah Shove who are all present, except Azariah Shove, for whose absence satisfactory reasons hath been offer'd — — The Committee in the Case of Sarah Chase's request not having Accomplished their Service, are continued to proceed therein, and to report at next Meeting — The Representatives to last Quarterly meeting informed that they all Attended — — Received the following

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Portsmouth on and for Rhode Island 8th of 8th mo 1799 — The Representatives presented an Apportionment of the Sum of One Hundred Dollars ~~that~~ this meeting agreed to raise, of which Swanzey monthly meeting's Proportion is Eight Dollars —

Copy Extracted from the Minutes of sd Meeting —

By Obadiah Brown Assistant Clk

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 2 of 12 Mo 1799 —

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings by their Accounts, are for Swanzey, Nathan Chase, and Elijah Cornell for Freetown George Shove, and Adonijah Wilton who are all present, — The Committee in the Case of Sarah Chase's request, informed, that they had paid attention to their Appointment, but not having fully Compleated the Service, they are again Continued, and to report at next meeting

This meeting directs the Treasurer to forward to the Quarterly meetings Treasury the Sum of Eight Dollars our proportion of One Hundred Dollars, agreed to be rais'd by that meeting in the 8 mo last — David Earl John Chase & Joseph Buffinton are Appointed to provide Hay, Wood &c. — for the Use of the Quarterly Meeting next at this place, and present their Accompt when Accomplished —

The Womens meeting presented to this, a Removeal Certificate in behalf of Sarah Bowen (Wife of Jonathan Bowen) also her Children namely (David Stephen and Mary) directed to the Monthly meeting of Friends at Rhode Island which being read in this meeting was approv'd and signed by the Clerk ——

At A Monthly Meeting held at Somerset for Swanzey 6th of 1 mo 1800 —— The Accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein Named are, for Swanzey William Lawton and Benjamin Buffinton, for Freetown Theophilus Shove and William Boyce, Benjamin Buffinton & William Boyce not present for which Satisfactory reasons hath been rendered for their Absence —— The Queries with Answers from the Several Preparative meetings were read in this, from which General Answers was Compiled and with an account forwarded to the next Quarterly meeting by Nathan Chase, Asa Chase and William Lawton, whom we Appoint to attend said meeting as Representatives —— The Committee in the Case of Sarah Chase's request, at the having paid further Attention to the Service inform'd this Meeting, they were not ready to make a full report, who are again Continued, and to report at next meeting

Received the following Extract from the meeting for Sufferings (to Wit) "The Circumstances of the Indian tribes within this Yearly meeting having been recommitted by the Yearly Meeting to the care of this Meeting, and the following Circumstances and transaction having been minuted at our last meeting (viz) John Hammer one of the Native Indians of the Narraganset Tribe, having attended at the close of our last meeting and laid before the Members then present a prospect which he and some others of that Tribe had of moveing to where a Provision of Lands is made for them — And William Knowles & Thomas Weaver being then desired to enquire into their Character and Situation and to report to this meeting, and they having reported that five Families who propose removing, are of reputable Characters, and the said John Hammer is now a prisoner for Debt which arose from his purchasing a Horse which he lost by Death — the Cost of which action being paid (not) Eleven Dollars he might be liberated and return to his Family — Whereupon William Knowles Thomas Willber & Thomas Howland are appointed to pay that sum for his liberation and to make an Eſtimate of the removal of thoſe Families, and report to next meeting when a Subſcription may be opened for friends liberality —

In consequence of which the Committee made the following report (Viz.) — Agreeable to Appointment we have had an Opportunity with moſt of the heads of the Indian Families, who are about to move, and find that one of them has a Sufficiency to furniſh himſelf with a Team to Carry his Goods and Family the other four will not have much of any thing left when there debts are paid except what Houſehold furniture they want to Carry with them, the which with such of their Families as will want to ride, Amounts to about thirty hundred weight — And we compute the Coſt of Team ſufficient to carry that weight, and their expences on the Road at one hundred and Eighty Dollars" — Which being considered is accepted, and Friends are deſired to ſubscribe in their freedom, to raiſe two hundred Dollars for the purposes therein expreſsed and forward the same to this meeting in the fifth month next — And if Friends subſcription exceeds the sum proposed, it will be reſerved and Appropriated for the like benevolent purposes towards the Indian natives — And the Clerk is directed to forward a Copy of this Minute to Each Monthly meeting —

Extracted from the Minutes of a Meeting for Sufferings held at Smithfield the 9th 10 Mo 1799 —

William Almy Clerk

Whereupon Moſes Buffinton, Edward Shove and Benjamin Earl, are appointed to take Subſcriptions for that purpoſe agreeable to the above Recommendation, and report at next Meeting —

At a Monthly Meeting held at Somerſet for Swanzey 3d of 2 mo 1800, — The Repreſentatives from the Preparative meetings by their accounts are for Swanzey David Earl and Gedion Chaſe for Freetown Edward Shove and Adonijah Upton, who are all preſent

The Repreſentatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting reports that they all Attended —

The Committee in the Caſe of Sarah Chaſes requeſt, are again Continued who are deſired to Compleat their service, & and to report at our next meeting — The Committee appointed at laſt meeting reſpecting an Extract of a minute from the meeting of Sufferings informed that they were not ready to make report at this time whereupon they are continued and deſired to report at next meeting the Committee appointed to have the care of the meeting at Preſerved Braytons made the following report (Viz) — We Your Committee that had the care of that meeting at Preſerved Braytons, have moſt of us attended said meeting and it is our Judgment, that Said meeting hath been reputably kept up though small at times, nevertheleſs we think it beſt that it be diſcontinued, all which we Submit to the Meeting —

Benjamin Slead
John Chaſe
Nathan Chaſe }
Elizabeth Chaſe
Eunice Brayton }

Whereupon Sd meeting is diſcontinued Accordingly — Swanzey Preparative meeting in their Account informed ~~that~~ that Samuel Chaſe, the Son of Stephen Appeared in their Meeting, and requeſted to be taken under Friends care he likewiſe Appeared in this meeting, and continued his Said requeſt Whereupon Daniel Brayton Joseph Buffinton and Nathan Chaſe, are Appointed to take a Solid opportunity with the Sd Samuel in order to diſcover his sincerity therein and to report at next meeting — It appearing to this meeting that the time for which our Auditt was Appointed is expired upon which this meeting appoints Daniel Brayton David Earl and Adonijah Upton for that service the Year Enſuing — Received the following (to wit) We Your Committee have Provided Hay Wood, &c, for the Quarterly meeting held at Somerſet 5th of 1 mo 1800 — to the Amount of Seventeen Dollars & Seventy-five Cents —

John Chaſe
Joseph Buffinton
David Earl —

Somerſet 3 of 2 mo 1800
Then Audittled the above Accompt
Adonijah Upton
Daniel Brayton }

Which is accepted and John Chaſe is Appointed to draw the above Sum, out of the Quarterly meetings Treaſury — This meeting received the following (Viz) Swanzey monthly meetings apportionment of the Yearly meetings Stock as Apportioned by the Repreſentatives is Sixteen Dollars —

Extracted from the minutes of A Quarterly meeting held at Somerset for Rhode Island 9th of 1st mo 1800 —

By Benjamin Freeborn Clk for this time

Which is Accepted and the further Consideration thereof is refered to next Meeting —

3/800 At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 3d of the 3 Mo 1800 — The Representatives from the Preparative meetings, by their Accounts are for Swanzey Job Chase and Asa Chase, for Freetown Adoniah Upton and Edward Shove, Asa Chase and Edward Shove not present for whose absence satisfactory reasons hath been rendered —

Received the following (Vizt) — From Creek monthly meeting

(Dear Friends — By a line from your monthly meeting, dated 9th of 2nd mo 1795 — Requesting our Brotherly care toward Joseph Weaver, in Case of his not settling his outward affairs before he left You, These may inform that we Laboured with him on that Account, and that he intirely declined doing any thing in the Case, — In love we conclude and remain Your Friends

Signed in and on behalf of the aforesaid Meeting

By Isaac Hallock Clk for this time

It appears by the Minutes of Creek monthly meeting that the above Information was forwarded to You in the 11 mo 1796 The above by direction of the Aforesaid meeting is Copyed from said minutes and Signed on behalf of the Same the 1st of 1 mo 1800 — By Zeno Carpenter Clerk —

Whereupon this meeting disowns Unity with him the sd Joseph Weaver untill he returns and makes Friends satisfaction Moses Buffinton and Daniel Brayton are Appointed to prepare a few lines to forward to that meeting to inform them the proceedings of this in that Case and present at next meeting — The Committee in the Case of Isaiah Chases request, not being ready to report, they are again Continued and desir'd to report at our next Meeting — The Treasurer of this Meeting is directed to forward the Sum of Sixteen Dollars to the Yearly meetings Treasury our proportion of sd meetings Stock agreed to be rais'd this Year —

The Committee in Case of Samuel Chases request made the following report – to wit: – We Your Committee agreeable to Appointment have had a Satisfactory Opportunity with Samuel Chase Son of Stephen, respecting his request to be taken under ~~Friends~~ the care of Friends, and nothing hath appeared to us but that his motives therein are sincere – Somerset 3 of 3 mo 1800 }

Nathan Chase
Daniel Brayton
Joseph Buffinton

Which is Accepted, and he received into Membership accordingly the Womens meeting Uniteing therewith –

The Committee appointed respecting an Information from the meeting of Sufferings reported that nothing was Compleated Whereupon they are still continued to have the care thereof, and to report at next Meeting –

At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 7th of 4th mo 1800 – The Representatives from the Preparative meetings, by their accounts, are, for Swanzey David Earl and Gedion Chase, for Freetown John Boyes and Enos Chase, who are all present –

Daniel Brayton is Appointed Clerk to this meeting the Ensueing Year, and Reuben Chase Assistant Clerk, for the Same time, The Queries with Answers from the several Preparative meetings was read in this meeting, from which General Answer was Compiled and with an Account sent to the next Quarterly meeting by Daniel Brayton Moses Buffinton and Adonijah Upton, whom we Appoint to attend sd Quarterly meeting as Representatives –

The Friends appointed to prepare an Account, for the Creek monthly meeting, Respecting Joseph Weaver, presented the following – From our monthly meeting held at Somerset 7th of 4th moth 1800 – To the Creek Monthly meeting –

Dear Friends – We received Your information of the 11th mo 1798 – respecting Joseph Weaver, forwarded by You in the first moth 1800 – and have proceeded to a denial against him a Copy of which is herewith inclosed which we desire You to forward to him – Signed in and on behalf of our meeting Aforesaid By Daniel Brayton Clk –

And Daniel Brayton is Appointed to forward the above and to report when Accomplished —→ The Committee in the Case of Sarah Chases request made the following report (Viz!)
We Your Committee agreeable to appointment respecting Sarah Chases request for her Children have attended thereto, and under the present Circumstance it appears to us safe to drop the matter and the Same is dismissed accordingly —

Abigail Lawton
Eunice Bray:n
Theophilus Shove
Daniel Brayton
Benjamin Stead

The Committee in care of the matter from the meeting of for Sufferings, not having fully compleated their Service, they are again Continued, and to report at next meeting —

The following information was Received by this Meeting
To the monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swanzey 3d of 2d Mo 1800 — Whereas Clark Purinton Howland Stead and Benjamin Purinton, some time past took their fire Arms, and as they say went to Lee's River upon business, or a Fowling, and upon their return fell into a Retailers shop, and there partook of more Spirituous Liquor than was Necessary, and going home from Said shop in the Evening unguardedly discharged their fire Arms several times on the road not far from some dwelling Houses, who hath been treated with

Overseers — John Chase
Benjamin Stead
Daniel Brayton

Whereupon Nathan Chase Moses Buffinton & Adonijah Upton are Appointed to take a Solid Opportunity with them, endeavouring to convince them of the Inconsistancy of their Conduct in that respect, and report to next meeting —

At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 5th of 5th mo 1800 —

The Representatives from the Preparative meetings by their accounts are, for Swanzey Benjamin Stead and Joseph Buffinton for Freetown, George Shove and Adonijah Upton, all present — The Representatives to last Quarterly Meeting informed that they all Attended —

The Committee in care of the matter from the Meeting for Sufferings not having finished their service, they are again Continued and to report at next meeting —→ The committee appointed to Labour with Clark Purinton & others, not being fully ready, to report, are Continued, and desired to report at next Meeting —

Abner Lincoln appeared in this Meeting and manifested a desire to be taken under the care of Friends, Whereupon Moses Buffinton, Jonathan Chase and Daniel Brayton, are appointed to take a Solid Opportunity with him and endeavour to discover his sincerity in that respect, and report their sence thereof at next Meeting —

The time for which Overseers was Appointed having expir'd the preparative meetings are desired to nominate some suitable friends for that service and send up their names to next monthly meeting, and the Clerk is directed to furnish each preparative meeting with a copy of this Minute —

Edward Shove, Adonijah Upton, Nathan Chase and Reuben Chase, are appointed overseers of the poor, the Year Ensuing — Benjamin Slead is appointed Treasurer for this Meeting the ensuing Year — This meeting agrees to raise Forty Dollars to supply the Treasury and the Committee for apportionment, are directed to apportion that sum among the Members of this meeting — Edward Shove Nathan Chase, George Shove, Reuben Chase and John Chase are appointed to attend the Burials of Deceased Friends and to advise and assist therein as Occasion may require the Ensuing Year — Daniel Brayton Caleb Earl, Benjamin Slead, and Edward Shove are appointed to record births, deaths, and Burials the Ensuing Year —

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 2d of 6th mo 1800 — The Representatives from the Preparative meetings, by their Accounts, are, for Swanzey Asa Chase and David Earl, for Freetown, Azariah Shove and Enos Chase, all present — The Committee in care of the matter from the meeting for Sufferings, are again Continued and desir'd to report at next Meeting — The Committee in the Case of Clark Purinton and others, made the following report ~~[illegible]~~ which is accepted and is as follows — We your Committee in the case of Clark Purinton, Howland Slead and Benjamin Purinton, have had several Opportunitys with the two former who appeared to be measurably sensible of their misconduct the latter being absent, we have not had an Opportunity with him

Moses Buffinton
Nathan Chase —

And it Appearing to this meeting that more labour is necessary the Committee is still continued to further labour in that case as way may Open, and to report at next meeting —

The Committee in the Case of Abner Lincoln, made report as follows — We of the Committee respecting Abner Lincoln request have had an Opportunity with him, on that Subject and it appears to us, that his motives therein are sinceir

Moses Buffinton
Jonathan Chase
Daniel Brayton —

And after deliberate Consideration thereon, and the Concurrence of the Womens meeting, he is received into Membership accordingly

Josiah Woodward appeared in this meeting, and manifested a desire to be taken under Friends care, Whereupon George Shove Benjamin Buffinton, and Jonathan Chase, are appointed to take a Solid opportunity with him in order to discover his Sincerity therein and to report at next Meeting —

At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 7th of 7th mo. 1800 — The Representatives from the Preparative meetings by their Accounts, are for Swanzey Benjamin Slead and Oliver Chase, for Freetown Adonijah Upton, and Edward Shove, all present —

The Committee in care of the matter, from the meeting for Sufferings are again Continued, and desir'd to report at next meeting

The following Certificate was received by this Meeting —

From our Monthly meeting held at Hudson the 25th of 7th mo. 1799
to the Monthly meeting at Somerset —

Dear Friends — In love we Salute You, and hereby inform that Joseph Shove, hath lately remov'd hence to Settle in Your parts, and requested our Certificate for that purpose, therefore we hereby Certify on his behalf that he is a Member of our Society and hath settled his outward affairs to Satisfaction as far as appears, and as such we recommend him together with his Wife Louis and his Minor Son, Anthony to Your Christian care in with desires for their growth in the Truth — this being the present needful we Conclude and remain Your Friends brethren & Sisters

Signed in and by order of the Meeting —
By Eliab Coffin
Hannah Jenkins } Clerks —

Swanzey Preparative meeting in their Account inform that Stephen Chase, proposed to offer his intentions of Marriage with Phebe Chase, at this meeting they accordingly appeared and declared their intention of taking each other in Marriage which is taken notice of and further proceedings therein referr'd to next meeting and Daniel Brayton, and William Lawton are Appointed to make the necessary inquiry respecting the clearness of Marriage of the said Stephen, and to report at that time — The Committee in care of the matter respecting Clark Purinton & others informed at this time, they had continued their care, and no material alteration in their prospect had taken place since last month, said Committee are again Continued to further labour as way opens, and to report, at our next meeting — —

Swanzey Preparative meeting inform that they have nominated Daniel Brayton, William Lawton and Theophilus Shove, Freetown also inform, that they have nominated George Shove, and Adonijah Upton, all to the place of Overseers, which & meeting, the approbation of this meeting, they, are accordingly appointed for the Year Ensueing — The Committee in the Case of Josiah Woodwards request, informed that they had paid Attention, to their appointment, and not being ready to report at this time are Continued and desired to report at next meeting —

At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 4th of 8 mo. 1800 — The Representatives from the Preparative meetings, by their Accounts, are, for Swanzey Job Anthony and Jonathan Chase for Freetown Azariah Shove and George Shove, all present, except George Shove, for whose Absence satisfactory reasons hath been produced — The Queries with Answers from the several Preparative meetings, were read in this meeting from which General Answers was Compiled and with an account sent forward to next Quarterly meeting by Peleg Chase Benjamin Slead and Azariah Shove, whom we appoint to attend said meeting as Representatives — The Committee continued respecting the matter from the meeting for Sufferings, informed that they have Collected Six Dollars and Ten Cents for the purposes mentioned in the Recommendation from that meeting — and Moses Buffinton is desired to forward the above Sum to said Meeting —

Stephen Chase and Phebe Chase appeared in this Meeting and Continued their Intention of Marriage and nothing appearing to hinder their proceeding, according to the order of Friends, and Theophilus Shove and Moses Buffinton are appointed to see Said marriage decently Consummated, and to report thereof at next Meeting

The Committee in care of the matter respecting Clark Purinton and others informed that they had further attended to the service they were appointed to — and the Sd Clark presented a writing Condemning his misconduct, which being read is received for Satisfaction Howard Slead also presented a writing Condemning his misconduct which being read is likewise received for Satisfaction — and Benjamin Purinton continueing Absent, the Committee is still continued to take further care respecting him, agreeable to their appointment, and to report at a future meeting —

Swanzey Preparative meeting in their Account inform, that that Job Anthony of Portsmouth proposes to offer his intention of Marriage with Phebe Chase at this meeting he produceing the Necessary Certificate from the monthly meeting of Rhode Island and Appeared with her declareing their intention of taking Each in Marriage which is taken notice of and they are desired to appear at next monthly meeting for an Answer — Said Preparative meeting also inform'd that Gedion Robinson proposes to offer his intention of Marriage with Patience Davis at this meeting they accordingly appeared and declared their intention Of taking Each other in Marriage, which is taken Notice of and they desired to appear at next meeting for an Answer and Theophilus Shove, and Benjamin Buffinton are appointed to make the Necessary inquiry respecting the Clearness of Marriage of the Sd Gedion and report at Said Meeting —— Received the following Extract to Wit — The Committee Upon Samuel Sleads Appeal make the following report — To the Yearly meeting now sitting — We the Committee upon the Subject of Samuel Sleads appeal from the Judgment of Rhode Island Quarterly meeting, Confirmatory of his denial by Swanzey monthly meeting having met the Said Samuel, and the Committee appointed by Rhode Island Quarterly meeting; and fully heard their respective representations, Do, after a deliberate and carefull Consideration of the whole Subject spread before us unite in Opinion that the

Judgment

Judgment of Rhode Island Quarterly meeting & Swanzey Monthly meeting be reversed — Signed — John Taber) Saml. Rodman

William Anthony Saml. Collins
6th mo. 19th — 1799 — John Mosher James Barker &
Peter Pollard & William Winslow

Which meeting the Acceptance of this meeting, the Judgment of Rhode Island Quarterly meeting & Swansey monthly are accordingly reversed — Copy Compared, taken from the Extracts of the minutes of the Yearly meeting held on Rhode Island by Adjournments from the 16th to the 19th day of the 6th mo.th 1799 —

By Obadiah Brown Assistant Clerk
to the Quarterly Meeting —

Thereupon Moses Buffinton Theophilus Shove and Edward Shove are Appointed to prepare a removal Certificate directed to Uxbridge monthly meeting on behalf of the sd Samuel Slead and present it at next meeting —— The Committee in Case of Josiah Woodward's request not being ready to report are again Continued and desired to report at next Meeting —

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the first of 9mo.th 1800 — The accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Swanzey Eber Slead and Nathan Chase for Freetown Adonijah Upton and Enos Chase all present, except Adonijah Upton for whose absence satisfactory reasons hath been rendered — The Representatives to last Quarterly meeting informed that they all attended, who produced the following minute The Yearly meetings Committee to Visit the monthly meetings in this Quarter having requested that Swanzey monthly meeting be held the 18 of 9mo on fifth day of the Week, they are requested to hold Accordingly — — Obadiah Brown Clerk —

The Select meeting beginning at the 8th hour in the morning of of the Same day — at a Quarterly meeting held at Portsmouth for Rhode Island the 7 of 8 mo. 1800 —— and this meeting directs that our next meeting be held Accordingly and that the Preparative meeting be held the Week preceeding as Usual — The Committee in the Case of Josiah Woodward's request informed that they had attended to their appointment and nothing appeared but that he was sincere, ~~what~~ which being Considered and the Concurrence of the womens meeting in his request the sd Josiah Woodward is received into Membership with Us & obtained

The Committee informed that the Marriage of Stephen Chase and Phebe Chase, hath been decently Consummated —

Job Anthony, and Phebe Chase appeared in this meeting and Continued their intention of Marriage and nothing Appearing to hinder their proceedings, according to the order of Friends, Daniel Brayton and Reuben Chase are Appointed to see Said Marriage decently Accomplished, and report thereof at next meeting — and by request of the Sd Job a meeting is appointed for the Accomplishing of his Said Marriage on the 16th Instant at the Usual meeting time

Gedion Robinson, and Patience Davis Appeared in this meeting and Continued their Intentions of Marriage and nothing appearing to hinder their proceedings according to the order of Friends, Moses Buffinton and Daniel Brayton are Appointed to See said marriage decently Consummated and report thereof at next meeting and by request of the Said Gedion, a meeting is Appointed for the Accomplishing of his Said marriage in this place on the 4th Instant at the Second hour in the Afternoon — — The Committee to prepare a Certificate for Samuel Slead presented one, which being read was approved and is as follows — To the Monthly meeting of Friends at Uxbridge

Dear Friends — Whereas Samuel Slead long since removed from us, and Settled within the Verge of Your monthly meeting, and there Appeared some Obstructions of his having a Certificate notwithstanding we have to Inform You, that at our last monthly meeting we received a Copy of a Minute from our Yearly meeting, whereby it appears that Said meeting hath reinstated him into Membership in our Society as such we Recommend him (the Said Samuel Slead) to Your Brotherly care and Oversight — and Conclude in love Your Brethren and Sisters — Signed in and on behalf of our Monthly meeting held at Somerset for Swanzey the 1st of 9th Mo 1800 —

By Daniel Brayton }
Mary Earl } Clerks —

And Reuben Chase is appointed to forward Said Certificate to the place directed, and report when Accomplished —

Received the following Certificate (to Wit) From our monthly meeting held at Uxbridge 27th of 6 mo 1800 — To Friends at Swanzea

Beloved Friends — This meeting was Informed that Buffinum Chase Jun was gone to serve an Apprenticeship within the Verge of Your meeting These may Certify on his behalf ~~that~~ he is a Member of our meeting as such we Recommend him to Your Christian care and Oversight

Signed in and on behalf of our abovesaid Meeting

By Moses Farnum Clerk —

The Select meeting inform'd that they had United in approveing of the Public appearance in the Miniſtry of Benj:in Buffinton which after, being weightily Conſider'd in this meeting, do Unite therewith, and forward the Same to the Quarterly meeting for their Diſposal, the womens meeting Uniteing with us therein —

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 18th of 9th mo: 1800 — The Repreſentatives from the Preparative meetings by their Accounts are, for Swanzey David Earl and Daniel Buffinton for Freetown Theophilus Shove and Edward Shove, all preſent — The Queries with Anſwers from the several preparative meetings were read in this meeting, from which General Anſwers was Compiled and with an Account, sent up to our next Quarterly meeting, by Joseph Buffinton, Jonathan Chaſe and Moſes Buffinton, whom we appoint to attend Said meeting as Repreſentatives — The Committee informed that the Marriage of Job Anthony and Phebe Chaſe, hath been decently Conſummated — and alſo the Committee in care of the Marriage of Gedion Robinson and Patience Davis, inform'd, that the same was Decently Conſummated — Moſt of the Yearly meetings Committee attended this meeting to our Satiſfaction —

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 3d of 11mo: 1800 — The Repreſentatives from the Preparative meeting, by their Accounts are for Swanzey Theophilus Shove and Thomas Earl for Freetown Adonijah Upton and George Shove, who are all preſent — The Repreſentatives to laſt Quarterly meeting informed that they all Attended —

Received the following Extracts (to Wit) — At a Yearly meeting of Friends held on Rhode Iſland for New England from the 15th of 6th mo: to the 18th of the Same inclusive 1800 —

Rhode Iſland Quarterly meeting having reported that they Apprehended a diviſion of that meeting into two Quarterly meetings would be of Advantage but not propoſeing a line of Diviſion, and the Subject not appearing Sufficiently ripe to decide upon at this time Jeremiah Austin Junr Caleb Greene (of Bedford) William Macy John Baily, Joseph Wing, William Anthony, John Tabor and Samuel Collins are Appointed to Viſit that meeting, and the several Monthly meetings of which it is Compoſed and report their sence and Judgment to this meeting next Year, both reſpecting the diviſion, and the line thereof, including the times and places of holding sd meetings

And any other matters, appearing thereto, if a Diviſion of said Quarterly meeting appears Eligible to them —

It is agreed by this Yearly Meeting that the preſent State of Education, of the riſeing generation among Friends calls loudly for their renewed Engagements and more serious attention, that one Schools at leaſt ought to be set up within every monthly meeting belonging to this Yearly meeting, to be under the care and direction of the monthly meeting, and to be adapted as suitable as may be, to the Situation and number of Children, and to the ability of friends in each Meeting — and it is further recommended that any monthly meeting who upon due and weighty conſideration, shall Apprehend, that they are not of ability of themselves to set up a School that they recommend and Open a Subſcription toward the Setting up and supporting a School and that they send up an Account of their proceedings therein, with the amount of the Subſcription to the Quarterly meeting to which they belong which Quarterly meeting is deſired to aid such monthly meeting in setting up a School by their advice and Aſsistance which Quarterly meeting may nevertheleſs if they Judge it moſt conducive to the end in View, Join two or more Monthly meetings in the maintainance and Support of a Common School — And if more Aſsistance shall be needed from any Quarterly meeting, than they are able to defray without unreaſonably burthening themselves, that such Quarterly meeting make Application to our next Yearly meeting, carefully sending up an Account of their proceedings, with the amount of the Aſsistance afforded, any meeting or meetings within the same, with the amount of the Sum, over what they may have diſcharged or may feel themselves of Ability or freedom to diſcharge, to the intent that this meeting may take meaſures in order to diſcharge the same — And the Several Quarterly and Monthly meetings are deſired to pay particular regard to our Diſcipline reſpecting Schools —

And the meeting for Sufferings are deſired to take into their conſideration the Subject of Friends proportion of the publick Taxes for the Support of Schools, and to take such meaſures for obtaining the same for the Support of Friends Schools as way may open, and they may think beſt and that Monthly meetings who may see their way clear, may in the mean time be at liberty to apply to the Authority of Town or Towns wherein their Members live for the same — And friends are deſired to send up an Account of their progreſs in this important concern, to our next Yearly Meeting — This meeting concludes to raiſe Five Hundred Dollars to supply the Treaſury for the Year enſueing of which Rhode-Iſland Quarterly meetings proportion is two Hundred Dollars —

Extracted from the minutes of the meeting Aforeſaid —

William Almy Clerk to the meeting this Y

At a Quarterly meeting held at Smithfield for Rhode Iſland the 6th of 10th mo. 1800 — The foregoing Extracts from our last Yearly Meeting was read in this meeting, and claimed the Solid attention of Friends, and Each monthly meeting is requeſted to pay suitable Attention thereto, and the Clerk is directed to furniſh each monthly meeting with a Copy of this minute — Eliſha Thornton, Richard Mowry, Sylvester Wicks, Benjamin Slead, Thomas Watſon, Moſes Brown, John Foster, Israel Sabin, and Samuel Thurſton, are appointed a Committee of this meeting, to Aid and aſsist the monthly meetings as way may open and to report to this meeting in the 1st or 4th mo. next = The Apportionment of this and the Yearly meetings Stock is left for the Clerk and Aſsistant, to Apportion as heretofore and tranſmit to Each monthly meeting — Swanzey monthly meetings proportion of Yearly meetings Stock is Sixteen Dollars and of this meetings Stock Eight Dollars

Extracted from the Minutes of a Quarterly meeting held aforesaid
By Obadiah Brown Clerk —

Whereupon John Chaſe, Benjamin Slead, George Shove & Reuben Chaſe are Appointed to take into Consideration the matter reſpecting schools and to report at next meeting, what in their Opinion, what is beſt to be done agreeable to said recommendation = Reuben Chaſe informed that he had forwarded the Certificate, in behalf of Samuel Slead agreeable to direction —

The Overseers preſented the following (Viz.)

To the monthly meeting now sitting — Whereas Benjamin Earl, some time paſt in an Unguarded manner, conterrary to our peaceable profeſsion, caught his Brother David Earl by the heel, and thruſt him out of the Houſe, who hath from time to time, been Tenderly laboured with, in order to convince him of the Inconſistancy of his Conduct which hath not had the deſired Effect —

George Shove
Adonijah Upton
Daniel Brayton
Theophilus Shove

Whereupon Edward Shove and Benjamin Slead are Appointed to take a Solid opportunity with him, endeavouring to Convince him of the Inconſistancy of his Conduct therein, and to report thereof at next Meeting —

12/1800 At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanzey 8th of 12th mo 1800 — The Repreſentati from the Preparative meetings by their Accounts, are for Swanzey Nathan Chaſe and William Lawton for Freetow Edward Shove, and Azariah Shove, all preſent —

The Committee in care of the matter, Recommended from our laſt Yearly meeting, informed that they had Attended thereto, and tha in their Opinion it would be ſafe, for the meeting to enter in a Subſcription agreeable to Said Recommendation, whereup a Subſcription, was begun in this meeting, and left in care of William Lawton, Moſes Buffinton, and Edward Shove who are deſired to procure such addition as way may Open and report at next meeting — The Committee in care of the matter reſpecting Benjamin Earl, reported, that they had paid attention to their Appointment, notwithstanding thought it might be ſafe to Continue the matter another mon which is Accordingly, under their care, who are deſired then t report — David Earl and Nathan Chaſe are appointe to procure Hay, Wood, &c, for the uſe of the next Quarterl Meeting and preſent their Accompt when accompliſhed — Theophilus Shove, Adonijah Upton, David Earl, Reuben Chaſe and Edward Shove, are appointed to apportion ſuch Sums among the Members as may be agreed on, to be raiſed by this meeting for the Enſueing Year — this meeting agrees to Raiſe the Sum of Sixty Dollars to Supply the Treaſury — Daniel Brayton informed that he had forwarded the Information reſpecting Joseph Weaver agreeable to Direction —

1/1801 At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held Somerſet for Swanzey 5th of 1st Moth 1801 — The Repreſentati from the Preparative meetings, by their Accounts, are for Swanzey Benjamin Buffinton and Oliver Chaſe, for Freetown Edmond Anthony and Adonijah Upton all preſent, Except Edmond Anthony for whoſe abſence ſatiſfactory reaſons hath been rendered The Queries with Anſwers from the ſeveral Preparative meetings were read in this Meeting from which general Anſwers was prepared and with an Account sent up to the next Quarterly Meeting by Theophilus Shove, and Reuben Chaſe whom we Appoint to Attend ſaid meeting as Repreſentatives —

The Committee in care of the Subſcription began at laſt next monthly meeting, not having fully Compleated their ſervice are Continued till our next meeting, they then to report — The matter Reſpecting Benjamin Earl is again continued and the Committee deſired to attend thereto and report at next meeting —

2/1801 At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Someſet for Swanzey 2 of 2 moth 1801 — The Repreſentatives from the ſeveral Preparative meetings by their Accounts are for Swanzey Jonathan Earl and Jonathan Chaſe for Freetown Edward Shove and Adonijah Upton all preſent —

Our Friend Isaac Hutchin, on a Religious viſit to theſe parts attended this meeting with a Certificate from a monthly meeting of Friends held at Upper Springfield New Jerſey, 3 of 9 moth 1800 — Expreſsive of their Unity with him as a Miniſter and his preſent concern, — likewiſe our Friend Joseph Satterthwaite as Companion to Isaac Hutchin, attended with a Copy of a minute from Said monthly meeting 5th of 11th moth 1800 — Signifying their Unity with his Viſit he being an Elder in Unity —

The London general Epiſtle of laſt Year was Read to Satiſfaction The Repreſentatives to laſt Quarterly meeting informed that they attended agreeable to Appointment — The Committee in Care of the Subſcription towards Eſtabliſhing a School, are again continued and deſired to report in the 4th month next or ſooner if Ready —

To the monthly meeting now Sitting — Reſpected Friends, We your Committee, have had a Satiſfactory Opportunity with Benjamin Earl and he appears Senſible of his miſconduct and in a ſuitable diſpoſition to make Friends Satiſfaction. Edward Shove, Benj^{m} Mead and Benjamin Earl preſented a writing condemning his miſconduct which being read is received for Satiſfaction, which is directed to be Recorded — This meeting was Informed that William Buffum has removed with his Family within the Verge of Smithfield monthly meeting, and requeſt our Certificate Whereupon Benj^{m} Mead and Daniel Brayton, are appointed to prepare such Certificate, if nothing appears to Obſtruct and preſent at next meeting —

William Lawton informed this meeting, that he was about to take a Journey into some parts of the Government of Newyork, on buſineſs he being a Member in Unity, the Clerk is directed to furniſh him with a Copy of this minute —

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at Somerset for Swanzey 2d of 3 mo.th 1801 —

The Repreſentatives from the Preparative meetings ~~are~~ by their Accounts are for Swanzey, Oliver Chaſe and Benjamin Slead for Freetown Enoſ Chaſe and George Shove, all preſent, except George Shove, for whoſe abſence ſatiſfactory reaſons hath been offered —

The Friends Appointed to prepare a Certificate for William Buſhe, informed that they had attended to their Appointment but way not being quite clear, they are Continued, and to report at next meeting — The Committee in care of the matter reſpecting Benjamin Purinton at this time reported that they had of late, had an Opportunity with him, who appeared in ſome degree ſensible of his miſconduct — and the ſaid Benjamin preſented a writing Condemning the same, which after being read is received for ſatiſfaction —

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanzey 6th of 4 mo.th 1801 — The Repreſentatives from the Preparative meetings by their Accounts are for Swanzey Nathan Chaſe and Benjamin Slead, for Freetown Adonijah Upton and George Shove, all preſent —

The time for which the Clerk and Aſsiſtant, was appointed is expired, which matter being conſidered, they are reappointed for that service, the Year enſueing —

The Queries with Anſwers from the ſeveral preparative meeting, was read in this, meeting, from which general Anſwers was prepared, and with an Account sent up to the next Quarterly meeting, by Daniel Brayton, Jonathan Chaſe and Adonijah Upton whom we Appoint to Attend ſaid meeting as our Repreſentatives

The Friends in care of the matter reſpecting a removal Certificate for William Buſhe informed that the obſtruction still ~~continued~~ remain'd therefore they are again Continued and to report at next meeting — The Committee in care of the Subſcription began in this meeting in the 12th mo.th laſt reported that they had fulfilled their Appointment, and that friends have Subſcribed, One Hundred and Sixtythree Dollars towards the Setting up a monthly meeting School, the account of which is at this time forwarded to the Quarterly meeting —

This meeting directs the Treaſurer to forward our proportion of the Yearly and Quarterly meetings Stock being Twentyfour Dollars — The Friends appointed to Provide hay corn &c. for the laſt Quarterly meeting informed that the Expence thereof was Eighteen Dollars and Seventyfive Cents, which Sum they had Received out of the Treaſury of the Quarterly meeting —— this meeting being informed that Samuel Chaſe had thought of going to Newport in order to reſide for some time theſe therefore may Certify that he is a Member of our Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute — This be meeting alſo being informed that Enos Chaſe had thought of going as far as the Creek monthly Meeting in Nine partners in order to reſide the Enſueing ſeaſon theſe therefore may Certify that he is a Member of our meeting and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute — — George Shove, Daniel Brayton, and David Earl are appointed an Auditt for this meeting the Enſueing Year —

At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Swanzey for Swanzey 4th of 5th Mo 1801 — The Accounts from the Preparative meetings being preſented the Repreſentatives therein named are, for Swanzey Stephen Chaſe and William Lawton, for Freetown Theophilus Shove, and Adonijah Upton, all preſent — Our Friend Joseph Hoag on a Religious Viſit to theſe parts, attended this meeting producing a Certificate from a monthly meeting held at Danby State of Vermont 6th of 7mo 1800 — with a Concurring Certificate from a Quarterly meeting held at Easton 12th of 8mo 1800 — both which being Expreſsive of their Unity with him as a Miniſter, and his preſent viſit, said Certificates being read to our Satiſfaction, and his labours of love amongst us were to our Edification and comfort — The friends appointed to attend the laſt Quarterly meeting informed that they all attended —

The Committee in care of the matter respecting a ~~removeal~~ removeal Certificate in behalf of William Buſhe, informed that they had continued their care, but the obstruction was not yet removed, said friends are continued and to report at next Meeting — Our Friend Adonijah Upton, informed this meeting, that he has thoughts of going as far as the Nine-partners, to see his relations and friends and request a Copy of a minute, this therefore may Certify that he is a Member and Elder in Unity, and this meeting unites with his intended Visit and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy hereof. this meeting taking into consideration the necessity of a Select Committee agreeable to Discipline. Whereupon Daniel Brayton George Shove, William Lawton, Moses Buffinton Peleg Chaſe and Azariah Shove, are appointed for that service the Year ensueing

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset in Swanzey 7th 6. Mo 1801 — The Accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Swanzey Joseph Buffinton and John Chaſe for Freetown Azariah Shove, & Edmond Anthony all present

The Friends in care of the matter respecting William Buſhe Certificate are again Continued for the same reasons as at last meeting, who are desired to report at next meeting — Aſa Chaſe, Edmond Anthony Jonathan Chaſe and Azariah Shove are, appointed overseers of the poor, for the Year Ensueing

By requeſt of several Friends, this meeting concludes that a meeting be held at Taunton the third first Day of this month under the care of Moses Buffinton, George Shove and Daniel Brayton, they to report thereof at next Meeting

Asa Chase informed this meeting that he had for some time had it on his mind to request that his Son Joseph Chase be taken under the care of Friends, — Whereupon William Lawton and Theophilus Shove, are Appointed to take that matter into consideration, and report their sense thereof at our next meeting — Benjamin Slead is appointed Treasurer for this meeting the Ensuing Year — — The Committee appointed in the 5th moth last Year to attend the Burials of Deceased Friends are reappointed for the Year Ensuing The friends Appointed in the 5th moth last Year, to record births, Deaths and Burials are continued for that service the Year Insuing —

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Swansey the 8th of 7 moth 1801 — The Representatives from the Preparative meetings by their reports are for Swanzey David Earl and Benjamin Buffinton for Freetown, Theophilus Shove and Adonijah Tyler all present — The Committee to prepare a removal Certificate for William Bushe and Family presented one which being read was Approved of — said Committee also informed that Samuel Bushe Son of sd William had since their removal arrived to Lawful age, who prepared a seperate Certificate in his behalf which was Approved of and with the other signed by the Clerk, and Reuben Chase is appointed to forward said Certificates, and to report at next meeting — The Committee in care of the meeting at Taunton last month inform that said meeting was held to a degree of satisfaction and that it was their Opinion that another meeting at that place the third first day in this month might be appointed which is agreed to under the care of the same Committee with the Addition of Benjamin Buffinton & William Lawton who are desired to report their prospect of the continuation of that Meeting — The friends in care of Asa Chases request made report that they had attended to that matter and nothing appeared to obstruct Whereupon Joseph Chase son of the said Asa is received under the care of this meeting

It appearing to the Meeting that the time for which the overseers was appointed is expired whereupon the Preparative meetings are desired to nominate some suitable friends to that service and send up their Names at next meeting and the Clerk is directed to furnish each preparative meeting with a Copy of this minute —

Received the following (Viz) — Extract from the Minutes of the Yearly meeting of Friends, for New England, held on Rhode Island in the 6th mo 1801

From the observations of our Brethren of Philadelphia and New York, in their Epistles and from other Sources of Information — the Attention of this meeting has been excited towards the calamitous situation of many of our brethren and others in Great Britain and Ireland, through the great Scarcity (unparalleled for many Years) and consequent high price of Provision, in that Country, — And whilst we are impressed with a gratefull sense of the Abundant favours vouchsafed to us in this Land, from the bountiful Hand of kind Providence — a feeling sympathy for the sufferings of our fellow Creatures in those Countries, excites a desire, that by our Liberality they may be enabled to participate with us in the Temporal Blessings: — Wherefore it is recommended to Friends to enter into a liberal Subscriptions for their Relief and remit the same as speedily as may be to William Rotch William Macy and William Rotch Junr — who are directed to forward Bills for the same to the meeting for Sufferings in London to be distributed at their discretion; and the Clerk is directed to forward a Copy of this minute to Each monthly Meeting —

Copy Compared — William Rotch Junr —
Clerk to the meeting this Year

Whereupon Daniel Brayton Reuben Chase and Benjamin Swain are appointed to take Subscriptions from Friends for that purpose and to report at next Monthly meeting —

At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 3 of 8 mo. 1801 — The Accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are, for Swanzey Ann Chase and Moses Buffinton, for Freetown, Azariah Shove and George Shove all present, The Queries with Answers, from the several Preparative meetings was read in this from which general Answers, was Compiled and with an Account, sent up to the next Quarterly meeting by Peleg Chase, Jonathan Chase, and George Shove who are Appointed to attend Said meeting as our Representatives —

Reuben Chase informed that he had forwarded the Certificates in behalf of William Bushe, and Samuel Bushe, according to direction — The Committee in care of the meeting at Taunton, produce the following report (Viz.) We your Committee respecting Taunton meeting have all of us attended said meeting agreeable to Appointment which was to a degree of Satisfaction and upon Solid consideration of the matter we believe it may be of use to appoint two more meetings (as follows viz.) one in the present month and one in the next to be held on the fourth first day in each, under the care of a Committee which we Submit to the meeting Swanzey 3 of 8 mo. 1801 Signed in behalf of the Committee by George Shove Abenijah Upton — Which is accepted, and Agreed that the meeting be held at that place agreeable thereto, under the care of the same Committee they to report their prospect of that meeting in the Tenth month next — Freetown Preparative meeting in their Account forwarded the following Information (Viz.) To the Preparative meeting of Friends to be held at Freetown 29 of 7 mo. 1801 —

We have to Inform that Benjamin Chase some time past hath so far deviated from the wholesome rules of Discipline Established amongst us, as to be in the Practice of using Vulgar Expression and hath attended a place where there was Fiddling and danceing and likewise hath Intirely neglected the Attendance of our religious meetings, for which Conduct he hath been Laboured with in order to convince him of the Inconsistancy thereof, but it hath not had the desired Effect —

George Shove
Abenijah Upton

Whereupon Daniel Brayton, Moses Buffinton, and Nathan Chase are Appointed to take a Solid opportunity with him and Endeavour to convince him of the Inconsistancy of his Conduct in them respects and report their Sense of the State of his mind at next Monthly Meeting —

Freetown Preparative Meeting also inform that they have Nominated George Shove and Azariah Shove to the place of Overseers, which matter is refer^d to next Meeting ——

Weston Earl presented a paper Condemning some misconduct of his, which comeing under Consideration, Whereupon William Lawton, Asa Chase and George Shove, are Appointed to take a Solid opportunity with him, Endeavouring to discover his Sincerity in that matter and report thereof at next meeting

Swanzey Preparative Meeting in~~form~~ their Account inform that Eber Slead acquainted that meeting of his offering his Intentions of Marriage with Elizabeth Buffinton, at this meeting they Accordingly Appeared and Expressed their Intentions of takeing each other in Marriage which is taken notice of and they advised to Appear at next Monthly meeting for an Answer and Daniel Brayton and Moses Buffinton are Appointed to make the Necessary inquiry respecting the clearness of Marriage of the Said Eber, and report thereof at next Meeting ——

Said Preparative meeting also inform, that Henry Slead Acquainted that meeting of his offering his Intentions of marriage with Elizabeth Chase at this meeting they Accordingly appeared and expressed their Intentions of takeing Each other in Marriage which is taken Notice of and they advised to Appear at next monthly meeting for an Answer, Daniel Brayton and Moses Buffinton are Appointed to make the Necessary inquiry, into the clearness of Marriage of the Said Henry and report thereof at next Meeting —— The Committee Appointed at last meeting to take Subscription from Friends, toward the relief of some Sufferers, at Great Britain and Ireland informed that the Sum of Forty four Dollars has been subscribed and Collected which sum Said Committee are directed to forward to the Yearly Meetings Committee, and to report thereof at next Meeting —— —— ——

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 17th of 9 mo 1801 —— The Accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein Named are for Swanzey Nathan Chase and Joseph Buffinton for Freetown Theophilus Shove, and Adonijah Upton all present — The Representatives appointed to attend the last Quarterly meeting informed that they all Attended —— The Committee Appointed to Labour with Benjamin Chase not being fully ready to make report at this time, are Continued, and desired to report at next meeting, — The matter refer'd at last meeting respecting overseers coming under Consideration and Swanzey Preparative meeting haveing at this time informed, that they have Nominated William Lawton, and Asa Chase for that service which with those Nominated at Freetown are appointed for that service the Year Ensuing — The Committee appointed to take an Opportunity with Walter Earl, informed that they have attended to their Appointment, but not fully ready to report are continued and desired to report at next meeting — Ebr Hood, and Elizabeth Buffinton appeared in this meeting and continued their Intention of Marriage, and nothing appearing to obstruct, they are desir'd to proceed according to the good order of Friends and Moses Buffinton and Daniel Brayton are appointed to see their Marriage decently consummated and report thereof at next Meeting —— Henry Stone and Elizabeth Chase also Appeared and Continued their Intention of Marriage and nothing Appearing to Obstruct they are left to proceed according to the good order of Friends Moses Buffinton and Daniel Brayton are Appointed to see said Marriage decently consummated and report thereof at next meeting — Swanzey Preparative meeting in their Account inform that Eber Chase of Portsmouth proposes to offer his Intention of Marriage with Sibel Chase at this meeting said Eber producing the necessary Certificate from Rhode Island Monthly meeting and appeared with the said Sibel and Expressed their intention of taking Each other in Marriage which is taken Notice of and they desired to Appear at next Monthly Meeting for an Answer ——

The Committee to forward the Money to the Yearly meetings
Committee informs that they have forwarded the Thirty four Dollars
Collected by this meeting and two Dollars Collected by the womens
meeting; said Committee producing a receipt for the same —
This meeting concurs with the womens meeting in the appointment
of Sarah Brayton to the Station of an Elder, and the same is
directed to be forwarded to the next Quarterly meeting for their
Approbation and disposal — David Earl requests a few
lines by way of Certificate to the Monthly meeting of Rhode Island
on account of his Marriage with Susannah Shearman. Whereupon
Jonathan Chase and Reuben Chase are appointed to make the
necessary Enquiry in that Case and prepare such Certificate
if way appears clear, and report at next meeting — Received
the following (Viz.t) To the monthly meeting of Friends to be held
at Somerset for Swanzey 7th of 9th mo 1805 —
We your Auditors have Settled Accounts with the Treasurer
of the monthly meeting and found a balance due from
him to said Meeting of nine Dollars and Ten Cents —

George Shove
David Earl
Daniel Brayton

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held
Somerset for Swanzey 5th of 10th Mo 1805 — The Accounts
from the preparative meetings being presented the Representatives
therein named are, for Swanzey Elijah Cornell and Benjamin
Earl for Freetown Abraham Shove and George Shove, all
present — The Queries with Answers from the several preparative meetings, was read in this, and General answers agreed on
and directed to be sent, to the next Quarterly meeting, by Jonathan
Chase, David Earl, and Benjamin Earl, our Representatives
The Committee to labour with Benjamin Chase, made the
following report, (Viz.t) We the Committee respecting Benjamin
Chase of Barcley, have had an Opportunity with him, and
Endeavour'd to convince him of the Inconsistancy of his Conduct
as set forth in the Complaint exhibited which Appears has not
had its desired effect, he also having since that Opportunity Married
with a young woman not of our Society

Moses Buffinton
Daniel Brayton
Nathan Chase

which is accepted and he the s.d Benj.n Chase of Swanzey 5th of 10 mo 1805
Chase is denied membership untill he returns and makes friends satisfaction
and Edward Shove is desired to inform him thereof —

Received the following Extract from our last Yearly meeting (Vizt) — Extract from the Minutes of the Yearly meeting of Friends in Rhode Island in 6 Moth 1801 —

By report from the several Quarterly meetings it appears that the concern of this meeting, relative to the Establishment of Schools under the care of monthly meetings has claimed some attention in Friends minds, and divers Schools have been Established under the care of friends — yet we are sorrowfully affected by the Information that some Instances have occurred, even where Schools were Established by monthly meetings that some friends have been so unattentive not only to the concern of the Body on this subject but we fear, to the benign dictates of truth in their own minds, as to send their Children to publick or other improper Schools where their tender minds are exposed to suffer loss. Under these impressions we are concerned to Exhort all in Profession with us deeply to consider the important duty we owe to our beloved Offspring whose minds it is incumbent upon us to watch over with all diligence that they be trained up in the nurture, and Admonition of the Lord, and we further desire that friends may be encouraged not only to Labour in the ability afforded in the spirit of Brotherly affection and meekness to prevent such inadvertance in future, but also with fervency and hope, persever in Endeavours to effect the object of this meetings concern as far as our Individual circumstances may allow, and by no means admit the consideration that the sacrifices of those outward favours entrusted to our Stewardships should be put in competition with the all important Object of the present and Eternal welfare of our beloved Children, and each Quarterly meeting is required to report their progress herein next Year — The Committee appointed last year made the following report — To the Yearly meeting to be held in the 6 moth next — We the Committee appointed at last Yearly meeting to consider of the Division of Rhode Island Quarterly meeting have attended thereto and most of us visited most of the monthly meetings in said Quarter, together with the Quarterly meeting, and after endeavouring weightily to consider thereof it is our sense and Judgment that advantage may arise from the following division (Vizt) that the monthly meetings of Smithfield Uxbridge Richmond and Bolton be set off from Rhode Island Quarterly meeting, and that they Constitute one

by the name of Smithfield Quarterly meeting, and that it be held as follows (Vizt) at Smithfield the 5th day before the 2 sixth day in the 2, 5th and 11th Months and at Bolton the 5th day before the 3 Sixth in the Eighth month, and that when Said meetings are held at Smithfield, there be no Publick meetings held there on that account. And that Rhode Island Quarterly meeting heretofore held at Smithfield in the 10th Moth be held at Providence at the same time that was held at Smithfield and the other times of holding Said Rhode Island Quarter be at the same time and places as heretofore
Smithfield 10th of mo 1801

Signed on behalf of the Committee—
By John Bailey—
Sarah Otis—

Which is Accepted, and the division therein proposed is adopted and it is concluded that the two Quarterly meetings of Rhode Island and Smithfield be held at the times and places therein proposed, and if it appears to them, that any alteration, either in time or places for holding them, would be more agreeable they are requested to inform the Yearly meeting thereof next Year— and we Appoint Cornelius Howland Isaac Lawton, Eber Davis, Moses Brown, and William Rotch Junr to Sit with Friends at the opening of the new Quarterly meeting— This meeting Concludes to raise five Hundred Dollars for the service of the Ensuing year of which Rhode Island Quarterly meetings proportion is two Hundred Dollars which they are desired to forward to our Treasurer with an Account thereof to our next Yearly meeting—

Each Quarterly Meeting is at Liberty to appoint not more than four Friends, Members of the meeting for Sufferings

William Rotch Junr Clerk—

to the Meeting this Year—

The Friends in care of the matter respecting Wm Earl informed that they have attended to their appointment and he appeared sincere in Condemning his misconduct, and his paper is received for Satisfaction which is directed to be recorded—

Moſes Buffinton and Daniel Brayton, informed that the Marriages of Eber Slead and Elizabeth Buffinton and of Henry Slead, and Elizabeth Chaſe was decently Conſummated Eber Chaſe and Sibel Chaſe not appearing to receive an Anſwer that matter is refer'd to next meeting — The friends to prepare a Certificate in behalf of David Earl, preſented one, which being read was Approved and Signed by the Clerk —

The Committee in care of the meeting at Taunton made the following report (Viz.) — Moſt of the Committee in care of the meeting at Taunton, have attended to Appointment to a good degree of Satiſfaction, alſo have conſider'd of the Continuance of a meeting at that place, We think it may be uſeful, to continue a meeting in the following manner (to wit) on the Second and fourth first days, in this and the following month under the care of a Committee, which we Submitt Swanzey 5th of 10 mo. 1801 — Signed in behalf of the Committee

By Moſes Buffinton
Abigail Lawton —

Which is Accepted and concluded, that a meeting be Continued accordingly under the care of the same Committee, they to report in the 12th Month next —

11/1801 At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanzey 2d of 11 Mo. 1801 — The account from the Preparative meetings being preſented the Repreſentatives therein named are for Swanzey Joſeph Buffinton and Benjamin Buffinton, for Freetown Job Chaſe and Adonijah Upton, all, preſent — The matter reſpecting Eber Chaſe and Sibel Chaſe, refered at laſt meeting, is again refered, they not being able to Attend to receive an Anſwer, by reaſon of Sickneſs. This meeting was informed that John Robinſon, was about to remove within the verge of Smithfield monthly meeting, and requeſted our Certificate; Job Chaſe alſo inform'd, that he was about to remove to said monthly meeting, and requeſted our Certificate for himſelf and Family Whereupon Reuben Chaſe and William Lawton are Appointed to prepare such Certificates if nothing appears to Obſtruct and preſent at next meeting — The Repreſentatives appointed to attend laſt Quarterly meeting inform'd that they all Attended —

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 2d of 12 mo 1801 — The Accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented, the Representatives therein named are for Swanzey Nathan Chase and Stephen Chase, for Freetown Azariah Shove and George Shove all present —

Eli Chase and Sibel Chase, Appeared in this meeting, and continued their Intentions of marriage and nothing appearing to Obstruct, they are left at liberty to accomplish the same agreeable to the good order of Society. Moses Buffinton and Nathan Chase are appointed to see said Marriage decently consummated and the marriage Certificate recorded and to report thereof at next meeting — one of the Committee appointed at last meeting to prepare Certificates for John Robinson and Job Chase reported that they have not accomplished their service Whereupon they are continued to accomplish the same and to report thereof at next Meeting — The Committee in care of the meeting at Taunton made the following report (Viz) We the Committee in care of the meeting at Taunton have Attended all of them except one since our last continuance, those that we Attended were held to a good degree of Satisfaction, the other one we are informed was reputably kept up, and think that the Continuance of a meeting there the present month as heretofore may be of Use.

12 mo 6th 1801 Signed in behalf of the Committee

By Moses Buffinton —

Eunice Brayton —

Which is Accepted and concluded that a meeting be held Accordingly under the care of the same Committee, who are desired to report thereof at next Meeting — The Friend who had the care of recording Marriage Certificates desired to be released from the Service who is Accordingly, and Benjamin Earl is appointed in his Stead — This meeting being informed that Enoch Chase was about to remove within the compass of Greenwich monthly meeting and requested our Certificate (who some time past had a Copy of a minute from this meeting, and he is now returned to us again) Whereupon George Shove and Azariah Shove are appointed to prepare such Certificate and report at next meeting if nothing Appears to Obstruct —

John Chase and David Earl are Appointed to procure, hay [illegible] wood, &c for the use of the Quarterly meeting, next to be held at this place, and to present their Accompt at a future meeting ⟶

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Swanzey of the Swanzey 4th 1 mo 1802 — The Representatives from the Preparative meeting by their accounts appear are, for Swanzey Daniel Buffinton and Jonathan Chase, for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] are present except Abraham Chase for which absence satisfactory reason hath been rendered, —

The Queries and Answers, from the Preparative meetings were read in this from which general Answers were compiled, and with an Account forwarded to the next Quarterly meeting, by Daniel Buffinton, [illegible] Chase and George Shove whom we appoint to attend said meeting as our Representatives — The Committee appointed in care of the Marriage of Eber Chase, and Sibel Chase, reported that nothing appeared but that said Marriage was decently consummated, and that the Certificate was handed to the Recorder in order to be recorded — The Committee appointed to prepare Certificates for John [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] presented them which being read was Approved and signed by the Clerk, and Benjamin [illegible] is Appointed to forward the Certificates to the place directed and to report at a future meeting — The Committee in care of the meeting at Taunton made the following report (viz.) We the Committee [illegible] care of the meeting at Taunton have [illegible] of us [illegible] the meeting since last continuance to a degree of satisfaction and think it may be of use to continue a meeting there the present month, as heretofore — Signed in behalf of the Committee

Swanzey 4th 1 mo 1802 } By Benjamin Buffinton
Eunice Bruister —

Which is accepted and concluded that a meeting be held accordingly under the care of the same Committee, who are desired to report thereof at next meeting ⟶ The Friends appointed to prepare a Certificate for Enos Chase presented one which being read was Approved and signed by the Clerk, and George Shove is Appointed to forward the same to the place directed and to report at a future Meeting ⟶

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At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at [illegible] for Swanzey 1st of 2 mo.th 1802 — The accounts from the Preparative meetings being present the Representatives therein named are for Swanzey Gideon Chase and Oliver Chase for [illegible] Abraham Chace and John Boyce all present

The Representatives to last Quarterly meeting informed that they all Attended — The Committee in care of the Meeting at Taunton made the following report (to wit) —

Rept of the Committee in care of Taunton meeting we have attended said meeting since our last continuance, to a degree of satisfaction, and we believe it may be of use to continue said meeting untill the fourth month next as follows (Viz) On the first and third fifth days in each month — which we Submit

Signed in behalf of said Committee
By Moses Buffinton —
Abigail Lawton —

Which is accepted and agreed that a meeting be held at that place accordingly under the care of the same Committee who are to report — Received the following Extract (Viz)

At Rhode Island Quarterly meeting held at Portsmouth the 5 of [illegible] mo.th last — The Clerk is directed to apportion this meetings proportion of Yearly meetings Stock as it has been heretofore and inform each monthly meeting — Swanzey monthly meetings proportion of Yearly meetings Stock is Fifteen Dollars

Extracted from the minutes aforesaid
By Obadiah Brown Clerk —

This meeting concludes to raise fifty Dollars to Supply the Treasury Elijah Cornell, Abraham Chace, Gideon Chase Oliver Chase and John Boyce are Appointed to receive subscriptions thereto in freedom of the members of this meeting and report their progress at next meeting — The Committee appointed to provide for the Quarterly meeting held in the first month last presented an Account of the same to the amount of Thirteen Dollars and thirty two Cents which is allowed and John Chase is appointed to draw the above sum out of the Quarterly meetings Treasury — And the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this Minute —

At A Monthly [illegible]
Swanzey 15th 3 mo 1802 — The Representatives from the respec-
-tive meetings by their Accounts appear are, for [illegible] [illegible]
and [illegible] Chase for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
all present except Azariah Shove, for whose absence satisfactory reasons
[illegible] The Committee appointed to take Subscriptions of
[illegible] in order to supply the Treasury report that they have made
some progress therein, who are still continued for the same Service and
[illegible] to report thereof at next meeting — The meeting directs our
Treasurer, to pay unto the Yearly meeting Treasurer our proportion
of said meetings stock, being Sixteen Dollars and to report at a future
meeting — [illegible] Certificate being prepared [illegible] this meeting [illegible]
[illegible] Stephenson Read [illegible] [illegible] directed [illegible]
[illegible] meeting which being read was Approved and signed by the
Clerk and John Chase is Appointed to forward the same to the proper
[illegible] and to report when Accomplished — Job Anthony informs
this meeting that he was about to remove with his Family within
the [illegible] of Rhode Island monthly meeting and requests our Certificate
Whereupon Reuben Chase and [illegible] Chase are appointed to prepare
such Certificate [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] at next meeting

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for
Swanzey [illegible] 1803 — The Representatives from the Preparative meetings [illegible]
[illegible], the Representatives [illegible] names are, for [illegible] [illegible]
and Joseph Dickenson for Freetown Abraham Shove and Adonijah Upton at
[illegible] — The Clerk informs this meeting, that the time for which he
was Appointed (together with the Assistant Clerk) is expired, whereupon he is
reappointed to that service for the Year Ensueing — The Queries were
read and the Answers from the Preparative meetings [illegible]
[illegible] in the [illegible]
and forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives, William [illegible]
Adonijah Upton and John Chase whom we Appoint to attend said Quarterly
meeting [illegible] The Select meeting informs this [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Quarterly meeting for their further Approbation and Dispose, [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Quarterly meeting
The Committee continued at our last meeting in order to take Subscriptions
[illegible] Treasury reported that they [illegible]
Whereupon they are again Continued, and desired to report their progress at our next
Meeting

viz. Committee that had the care of Taunton meeting, made in [illegible] [illegible] (The committee [illegible] care of Taunton meeting report that [illegible] meetings [illegible] kept [illegible] to a good degree of [illegible] and [illegible] think favourable of the Continuance of one there, this and the three following months, (as follows,) on the Second and fourth first days in Each month, under the care of a Committee, to report as Occasion may require; which we Submit to the meeting — Signed in behalf of the Committee By William [illegible]
Mary Earl

Which is Accepted and the proposed meetings therein are granted accordingly under the care of Jonathan Chase Benjamin Slead [illegible] [illegible] Woodward, and William Lawton, who are to report as Occasion may require — Benjamin Slead inform'd that John Robinson, has given [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Certificate he was appointed to forward [illegible] in [illegible]. The friends appointed to prepare a Certificate for [illegible] Anthony and Family presented one which after being read was approved and signed by the Clerk recommending [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and David Anthony to the care of Rhode Island monthly meeting, David Earl is appointed to forward the Same thereto and report [illegible] Accomplished — John Chase inform'd this meeting that he forwarded the Certificate on behalf of Zephaniah Slead to the place directed. Freetown [illegible] meeting in their Account inform that William Boyce has thoughts of removing with his Family within the [illegible] of Danby monthly meeting and requests our Certificate, [illegible] [illegible] William Lawton Benjamin Slead and [illegible] [illegible] are appointed to prepare such Certificate if nothing appears to obstruct and present it when [illegible] — We appoint David Earl [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for the Year Ensuing ——

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the [illegible] of 5th mo. 1812 — The Accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are, for Swanzey Daniel Buffinton and Ellis Chase, for Freetown Theophilus Shove and George Shove all present — Reuben Chase is reappointed assistant Clerk for the Year Ensuing — The friends appointed to prepare a removeal Certificate on behalf of William Boyce and Family presented one which being read was approved and signed by the Clerk, Whereupon he with his Wife and Children are recommended to the care of Danby monthly meeting names of Male Children, are William, Benjamin and David Boyce and Reuben Chase is Appointed to forward said Certificate to the place directed ——

The Representatives to our laſt Quarterly meeting inform'd that they all attended — Swanzey Preparative meeting in their Account inform that Jacob Ball Jun^r had appeared in that meeting and requested to be taken under the care of Friends and he appearing in this meeting continued the requeſt Whereupon William Lawton, Adonijah Upton and George Shove are appointed to take a Solid opportunity with him and endeavour to discover his Sincerity in that matter and report thereof at next monthly meeting — This meeting was inform'd that Nehemiah Chase had removed within the compaſs of East Hoosick monthly meeting and Silas Chase his Father requested a Certificate to that meeting on his behalf upon which Benjamin Earl and Daniel Brayton are appointed to make the Neceſsary inquiry reſpecting his removeall and prepare a Certificate if way appears clear and report at next monthly meeting.

Enoch Cornell inform'd this meeting that he was about to undertake some buſineſs which would occasion his Residence some time in the Town of Brooklin State of Connecticut he being a Member of this Meeting the Clerk is directed to furniſh him with a Copy of this minute — David Earl inform'd this meeting that he had forwarded the Certificate in behalf of P. Anthony and Family agreeable to direction — Benjamin Slade produced a receipt from the Yearly meetings Treasurer for Sixteen Dollars for the Yearly meetings Stock — The Committee continued last month to take Subscription in order to supply our Treasury are again Continued and desired to report at next meeting. —

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 7th of 6th mo. 1802 — The Accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein named for Swanzey Benjamin Earl and Samuel Earl for Freetown Gideon Shove and Abraham Shove all present Except Samuel Earl

The Committee in the case of Jacob Ball's request inform that they had attended to their Appointment but not being ready to report at this time, who are continued, and desired to extend their care in that matter and to report at next monthly meeting — The Friends to make inquiry respecting Nehemiah Chase's removal prepared a Certificate on his behalf to the monthly meeting at East Hoosick which was Approved and signed by the Clerk, and Benjamin Earl is appointed to forward s^d Certificate to the place directed and report when Accomplished — The time for which the Overseers of the poor was Appointed being now Expired they are reappointed for that service the Ensuing Year —

Freetown Preparative meeting Sends the following information

~~meeting~~ [illegible] To the preparative meeting of Friends held at Freetown the 2d of 6 mo 1802 — These may inform that James Law hath for a Considerable time and still continues to neglect his attention to the Settlement of his Accompts agreeable to his proposals with his Creditors, whereby they are kept from receiving that small part of their due that he is able to pay them. — for which misconduct of his he hath from time to time been tenderly advised but doth not pay very little or no attention to it —

George Shove
Azariah Shove

Whereupon Benjamin Slead Moses Buffinton and Asa Chase are appointed to labour with him endeavouring to convince him of the inconsistency of his conduct in that respect and report thereof at next monthly Meeting.

The Overseers of the poor informed that they had drawn seven Dollars and seventeen Cents out of the Treasury agreeable to the advice of this meeting to pay of the expense of Samuel Earls having the Small Pox —

Freetown Preparative Meeting by their Representatives, requested the assistance of this meeting in the Case of [illegible] Chaseman [illegible] Chaseman who appears to be under Necessitous circumstances

Whereupon George Shove and Reuben Chase are appointed to take the Necessary care with the assistance of the overseers of the Poor —

Benjamin Slead is appointed Treasurer for this meeting the Ensuing Year

The time for which our Committee to attend the Burials of Deceased Friends was appointed having now expired which [illegible] George Shove Nathan Chase Adoniah Upton Reuben Chase and [illegible] Whitwell are appointed for that service for the Ensuing Year —

Caleb Earl, George Shove Daniel Brayton and Benjamin Earl are Appointed to record Births Deaths and Burials for the Ensuing Year

The Committee in care of the Subscription reports that the Sum of Fifty Dollars is Collected to supply the Treasury agreeable to the Recommendation of this meeting in the Second month last which is paid into the Treasurer hands —

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 5th of 7th mo 1802 — The Representatives from the Preparative meetings by their accounts appear, are, for Swanzey Daniel Buffinton and Weston Earl for Freetown Adonijah Upton and George Shove all present — The Committee in care of the matter respecting Jacob Balls request, not being ready to report at this time, are again Continued & have the care of that matter [illegible] and desired to report at next Meeting — The Committe appointed to labour with Jonathan Earl, inform that they have attended to that matter but not being fully ready to report are Continued, and desired to report at next monthly meeting —

Reuben Chase informed that he had forwarded the Certificate on behalf of William Boyce and family agreeable to the direction of this Meeting — Benjamin Earl also informed that he had forwarded the Certificate on behalf of Nehemiah Chase

Benjamin Slead, Nathan Chase and Jonathan Chase are Appointed to Examine and repair the windows in our Meeting house in Somerset and report their Account when accomplished

Received the following Certificates (to wit) from Salem Monthly Meeting — Daniel Slead having removed to Swanzey and a Certificate being requested for him, — These are therefore to Certify that he is a member of our meeting, and as far as appears has settled his affairs to satisfaction and is free from Marriage engagements, as such we recommend him to your care and oversight —

Signed in and on behalf of Salem Monthly Meeting
the 8th of 10 Mo 1801 —

Isaac Hacker Clerk

To the Monthly meeting of Friends at Swanzey

Beloved Friends — Sylvester Robinson, who some time past came from among you with your Certificate, having returned to reside within the Verge of your meeting, hath requested our Certificate. These are to Certify on his behalf that he is a Member of our Meeting and has returned with consent of his Master, as such we recommend him to your Christian care and are your Friends

From our Monthly meeting held at Lynn for Salem the 3 of 12 mo 1801 and Signed in behalf thereof — by Isaac Hacker Clerk —

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 2d of 8th mo 1802 —

The Accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Swanzey Benjamin Buffinton, and Eber Slead, for Freetown, Abraham Shove and Adonijah Upton, all present —

The Queries and Answers, were read in this Meeting from which general answers was prepared and with an Account forwarded to the next Quarterly meeting by William Lawton, Adonijah Upton and Joseph Buffinton, whom we Appoint to attend sd meeting as our Representatives —

The Committee in care of Taunton meeting made the following report (Vizt) We of the Committee in care of Taunton meeting have most of us attended to our Appointment and believe that meeting has been kept up to a degree of Satisfaction and think well of its being Continued for two months agreeable to the last continuance, which we Submit —

Somerset 2d of 8 mo 1802

Jonathan Chase
William Lawton
Benjamin Slead
Adonijah Upton
Mary Earl
Abigail Lawton
Eunice Brayton

Which is accepted and the meetings therein proposed, are granted accordingly under the care of the Committee, who are desired to report thereof in the Tenth month next —

The Committee in care of Jacob Bulls request inform that they were not in readiness to make report at this time Whereupon they are again Continued and desired to report at next meeting — The Committee in care of the matter respecting James Law, reported that they had paid attention to their Appointment, notwithstanding they are again Continued and desired to report thereof at our next monthly Meeting —

A Copy of a minute being granted some time past to Elijah Cornell, who has now returned to us, and produced sd Copy which Appears to Satisfaction —

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 2d 3 mo 1852 — The accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Swanzey Benjamin Slead and William Lawton for Freetown Azariah Shove and George Shove, all present

The Committee in case of Jacob Ball's request made the following report (viz) — We your Committee on the Case of Jacob Ball have had several Opportunity's with him to some good degree of Satisfaction it appearing to us that it may be safe for Friends to receive him as a Member notwithstanding we Submit it to the Judgment of the meeting — George Shove
William Lawton
Benjamin Upton.

Upon which he the said Jacob Ball is received under the care of this meeting — The time for which the Overseers was Appointed being now expired which matter being considered the same Friends that stood for that service the Year past namely George Shove Azariah Shove Ab Chase and William Lawton are reappointed for the Year Ensueing and David Earl is Appointed to join them in that service — Swanzey Preparative meeting in their Account inform that Jonathan Slead acquainted them that he proposed to offer his Intentions of Marriage with Isabel Buffinton at this meeting who appeared with her and expressed their Intentions of taking each other in Marriage which is taken notice of and they desired to wait untill next monthly meeting and then to appear for an Answer and Daniel Brayton and Benjamin Slead are appointed to make the Necessary inquiry respecting the clearness of Marriage of the said Jonathan and Report thereof at next meeting —

Freetown Preparative Meeting forwarded the following information (viz) To the Monthly meeting of Friends [illegible] We have to Inform that Elisha Davis hath wholly neglected the Attendance of our religious meetings & and of late hath married with a woman not of our Society — — — — —
George Shove
Azariah Shove } Overseers

Whereupon Jonathan Chase and William Lawton are appointed to take a Solid opportunity with him endeavouring to reclaim him, and to report thereof at next monthly meeting

One of the Overseers of the poor presented an Accompt of Eight Pounds three Shillings and Ten pence for the Support and funeral expences of Margaret Shearman which is allowed, and our ~~Tr~~ Treasurer is directed to discharge the same —

10/1802 At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset the 4th of 10 mo 1802 — The Representatives from the Preparative meetings, by their accounts appear are for Swanzey Benjamin [illegible] and Joseph Buffinton, for Freetown Asa Shove and Adonijah Upton all present except Asa Shove —

The Committee continued in the 8th mo last respecting James Law reports at this time, ~~that~~ they had continued their labour, and that the said James had Complyed with the advice of Friends — The Queries were read in this meeting and Answers to the [illegible] from our several Preparative Meetings, from which general Answers were prepared & which we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of the Yearly and Quarterly meeting minutes [illegible] Appointed [illegible] George Shove and Reuben Chase [illegible] next Quarterly meeting and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this Minute —

Jonathan Earl and Isabel Buffinton appeared and continued their intentions of Marriage, and nothing appearing to obstruct they are advised to Accomplish the same, according to the order of Friends and Asa Buffinton and Daniel Brownell are appointed to see the Marriage decently Consummated and report thereof at next Meeting —

The friends appointed to labour with Elisha Davis, informed that they have not had an opportunity with him upon which they are continued for that service and to report at next meeting — The Committee in case of the meeting at Taunton report as follows Viz. We the Committee on the Case of Taunton meeting have [illegible] [illegible] said meeting since our last continuance and believe it has been kept up to a good degree of Satisfaction, and think well of its being continued as heretofore under the care of a Committee

To the monthly meeting held at Somerset 4th 10 mo 1802 | Signed in behalf of the Committee By Jonathan Chase
Abiel Luther

Which is accepted and the proposal of a meeting at that place is adopted [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] under the care of the same friends, they to report —

Received the following Extract (to Wit) Extracts from the minutes of our Yearly Meeting held in Rhode Island in the 6th mo 1802 —

Most of the Quarterly meetings in their Accounts inform that Some progress has been made in regard to establishing Schools, agreeable to the recommendation of this meeting; the unabated diligence and attention of Friends is earnestly and Affectionately recommended to this desireable Object of the Important and guarded Education of our Youth that the same may be carried still further into effect agreeable to our Discipline and the Advice of this meeting last Year — The Yearly Meeting have concluded to raise four Hundred Dollars Rhode Island Quarterly meetings proportion is one Hundred & Twenty five Dollars which they are desired to forward to our Treasurer, & an Account thereof to their next Meeting — Signed by Obadiah Davis Clerk —

At a Quarterly meeting held at Portsmouth on and for Rhode-Island the 12 of 8 mo 1802 — Extracts from the Minutes of our last Yearly meeting was received and read and the Clerk is directed to furnish each monthly meeting with a Copy and proportion the Stock the same as last Year — It is agreed that this meeting raise One Hundred and Twentyfive Dollars and place in the Treasury and the Clerk is directed to proportion that Sum the same as the Yearly meetings Stock to each monthly meeting, and they are requested to raise the same and transmit to the Treasurer and report when Accomplished — The proportion of this, and the Yearly meetings Stock for each monthly meeting to raise is as follows —

Viz

Rhode Island	$ 43
Greenwich	16
Swanzey	14
South Kingston	17
Providence	35

$ 125 Extracts from the minutes Aforesaid — By Obadiah Brown Clerk —

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 1st of 11th mo 1802 — The accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Swanzey Reuben Chace and Elisha Brayton for Freetown Abraham Chace and John Boyce all present except John Boyce for whose absence reason hath been given, — The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting informed that they all Attended — — The friends in care of the Marriage of Jonathan Earle and Phebe Buffinton, reported that sd Marriage was decently Consummated — The Committee in care of the matter respecting Elisha Davis informed that they had not had an Opportunity with him, therefore they are continued for the service they were appointed to, and to report at next meeting

Received the following (to wit) To the monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey, We Your Auditors have settled accounts with the Treasurer of sd meeting and found a balance due from him to the meeting of Twelve Dollars and ten Cents and think well of the monthly meeting raising the Sum of Forty Dollars to supply the Treasury

Swanzey 1st of 11th mo 1802

Adonijah Upton
Daniel Brayton
David Earle —

and the proposal therein recommended is agreed to and Abraham Chace Elisha Cornell Aaron Buffinton and David Earle are Appointed to endeavour to receive Subscriptions of the members of this meeting for the sd Sum and collect the same and when Accomplished report to this meeting — It Appearing to this meeting that the time for which our School Committee was Appointed expired in the fifth month last, which matter being Considered to reappoint the same friends for that service for the year ensuing and friends of this meeting are advised to Apply to them in all cases respecting Schools where their advice may be Useful.

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 6th of 12 mo.th 1802 — The Representatives from the Preparative meetings, by their accounts appear are, for Swanzey Moses Buffinton and Nathan Chase, for Freetown Theophilus Shove and Azariah Shove all present —

The Committee continued to labour with Elisha Davis make report at this time, that they have had an opportunity with him, and he did not appear in a suitable disposition of mind to make friends satisfaction, whereupon he the sd. Elisha Davis is put from under the care of this meeting; and Gedion Chase is appointed to inform him thereof — Reuben Chase and David Earle are appointed to provide hay and wood, for the use of our Quarterly meeting next at this place, and present an account thereof to a future meeting —

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 3 of 1 mo.th 1803 — The account from Swanzey Preparative meeting being presented the Representatives therein named are Elisha Cornell and Gedion Chase present, no account from Freetown — The Queries were read and answers from Swanzey Preparative meeting was considered in this meeting and directed to be sent to our next Quarterly meeting by Elijah Cornell and Benjamin Earl, who are appointed to attend the meeting as our Representatives, then to take with them a copy of this minute — The Committee on care of the meeting at Taunton made the following report (to wit); We the Committee respecting Taunton meeting have mett & so attended the meeting to a good degree of satisfaction and think it may be safe to grant them a meeting in the following manner (viz) the second and fourth first days untill the fourth month next all which we submit — Signed in behalf of the Committee

Somerset 3 of 1 mo.th 1803 } by Jonathan Chase
Eunice Braxton

Which is accepted and the continuance of the meeting at that place is agreed to under the care of the same Friends and Benjamin Buffinton is appointed to join them in that service and desired to report in the fourth month next —

Jonathan Chase informed this meeting that he had some [illegible] which was like to occasion him a Journey to some parts of the Government of New York and expects to be at some meetings of Friends in them parts he being a Member and a Minister in unity with us the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute — William Lawton informed this meeting that he was about to take a Journey to some parts of the Government of New York on business he being a Member in Unity the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute —

2/1803 At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 7th of 2 mo 1803 — The Accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein Named are for Swanzey Jonathan Earle and Clark Purinton for Freetown Benjamin Weaver and Azariah Shove present Clark Purinton and Azariah appeared the Meeting being informed that Jonathan Earle's absence at this time was occasioned thro indisposition of body — The representatives to last Quarterly meeting informed that they all attended —
Reuben Read informed this meeting that he was about to remove with his Family within the Compass of Uxbridge monthly meeting and requested our Certificate and by the Account from Swanzey Preparative meeting, it appears that Rowland Read informed that meeting that he was about to remove with his Family to Uxbridge meeting and requested our Certificate — Whereupon Moses Buffinton Daniel Brayton and Reuben Chase are Appointed to make the Necessary enquiry relative to removeals and if way appears clear to prepare Certificates for them and their Families, and present at next Meeting —
The Overseers presented the following Information to this, To the monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swanzey &c
Whereas Benjamin Purinton has so far disregarded the good order of [illegible] friends as to keep Company with a [illegible] not in [illegible] on the Account of Marriage and has proceeded therein, after he was precautioned —

Asa Chase } Overseers
David Earl }

Whereupon the said Benjamin Purinton is [illegible] membership, until he returns and makes friends satisfaction and [illegible] is desired to inform him thereof —

The friends to prepare hay and [illegible] for the Use of the Quarterly meeting last, at this place, presented an Account of the same to the Amount of Ten Dollars which is allowed and Reuben Chase is Appointed to draw the same, out of the Quarterly meetings Treasury. — The following account was presented and allowed — Somerset 13th of 1st mo 1803 — We have Audited the account of the Committees expence, laid out upon our meeting house, which is Three pounds, Nine Shillings and Ten pence

And our Treasurer is directed to discharge the same } Adonijah Upton
David Earle
Daniel Brayton

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset the [illegible] of 3 mo 1803 — The Representatives from the Preparative meetings by their accounts appear are for Swanzey [illegible] [illegible] and Israel Buffinton, for Freetown John [illegible] & Adonijah Upton — The London general Epistle of 1801 was read [illegible] [illegible] satisfaction and Comfort — The friends in care of [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] Chase's removal having prepared Certificates for them and their Families which being read was approved and signed by the Clerk, and John Chase is Appointed to send the Certificates to Uxbridge monthly meeting. He is directed that Coppies thereof be kept on file — Reuben Chase informs that he has received the money from the Quarterly meetings Treasury and settled the account for which the same was drawn agreeable to direction of last monthly meeting — This meeting was informed that Asa Chase Junr has for some time been within the Verge of Providence monthly meeting Whereupon Benjamin Chase Elijah Chase Junr and Reuben Chase are Appointed to make the necessary inquiry respecting his removal or resideing there, and if way Appears clear to prepare such Certificate for him, as the Case may require — Receive the following (to wit) At Providence monthly meeting held at Smithfield the [illegible] 2 mo 1803 —

The Overseers of the poor reported to this meeting that Phebe Austin Daughter of Susannah, now resideing within the Verge of this meeting was in a helpless situation and wholly destitute of any means of Comfortable support, that her parents are far advanced in Years and unable to afford her the Necessary assistance, that she is a member of our religious Society, and that Swanzey monthly meeting Appears to be the place of her last Settlement, Our overseers have afforded her some assistance, but more is needed which they are required to lend, and Swanzey monthly meeting are likewise desired to pay seasonable attention thereto — the Clerk is directed to send a Copy of this minute to that monthly meeting — Extracted from the minutes aforesaid —

By Obadiah Brown Clerk

Whereupon the Overseers of this town are desired to assist in that matter according to the order of Society — The following representation was prepared by this meeting and sent to Nantucket monthly meeting (to wit) From our monthly meeting held at Somerset for Swanzey 7th of 3 mo 1803 — To the monthly meeting of Friends at Nantucket —

Dear Friends — It appearing to our meeting that Phebe Aus Daughter of Benjamin and Susannah Austin, is under necessitous circumstances, who in the Year 1784 was recommended with her Mother to the care of our meeting but agreeable to our discipline, are of the Judgment that she could not gain a Settlement in her Capacity she being insane, and no Information being given in sd Certificate respecting her infirmity as abovesaid therefore have taken this method to Acquaint You of the Circumstance and that Assistance hath been afforded and more is needed and her parents being far advanced in Years and unable to afford her the necessary relief Whereupon we desire that you would pay seasonable attention thereto — Signed in and on behalf of our above said meeting —

By Daniel Brayton
Mary Earle } Clerks

A Removal Certificate from Rhode Island monthly meeting on behalf of Eber Chase dated in the 8th mo last was received by this meeting and as sd Eber has return'd to that meeting the Clerk is directed to endorse on sd Certificate informing the Circumstances and forward the same back to that meeting —

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey
the 7th mo 18[illegible] — The Accounts from the Preparative meetings being
brought the Representatives therein named are for Swanzey Arthur
Earl and Daniel Brayton for Freetown Abraham Shove and
Adonijah Upton all present — The Clerk informed this meeting
that the time for which he was Appointed is expired Whereupon
Jonathan Chase and Benjamin Slead are appointed to consider of a
suitable friend for that place, and confer with him thereon, and
make report at our next meeting. and the former Clerk is appointed
for the day. — The Queries and Answers from the Preparative
meetings were read in this from which general Answers were Compiled
and agreed to, with an Account approved and signed by the Clerk
and forwarded to the next Quarterly meeting by our Representatives
Benjamin Slead, William Lawton and Theophilus Shove who
are appointed to attend said Quarterly meeting —

The Committee appointed to brought a Certificate for Abby Chase
[illegible] which was Approved and signed by the Clerk
she therein recommended to the care of Providence monthly meeting
and Benjamin Slead is Appointed to forward the same to said
meeting. We direct that a Copy be kept on file —

The Committee in care of Freetown meeting made the following
report Viz. We the Committee in care of Freetown meeting
have the most of us attended and believe it has been kept up
to a degree of Satisfaction and think well of its meetings
being continued on Each first day of the week untill the
Tenth month next, under the care of a Committee which we Submit — } Signed in behalf of the Committee By William Lawton Arthur Earl

Which is accepted and the meetings therein proposed are granted
accordingly under the care of the same Committee they then to
report (or sooner if occasion require it —
We have directed our Treasurer to pay unto the Yearly
and Quarterly meetings Treasurers our proportion of said
meetings Stock which is Fourteen Dollars each —

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 2 of 5th mo. 1803 — The accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Swanzey, David Earl, and John Chase 2 for Freetown George Shove and Adonijah Upton all present. — The friends in care of the matter Respecting a Clerk, informed that they had attended thereto, and propose that Daniel Brayton be appointed Clerk for the Ensuing Year, and that Reuben Chase be Assistant Clerk which meets the Approbation of this meeting, they are accordingly Appointed — The Representatives Appointed to attend our last Quarterly meeting inform that they all Attended — The London General Epistle of 1802 was received and read at this time to our Satisfaction and Comfort —

Our Treasurer produced the following receipts (Viz)

Providence 4 mo. 6th 1803 — Received of Swanzey monthly meeting by the hand of Benjamin Slead Fourteen Dollars for Yearly meeting Stock in 1802 —

Caleb Greene Treasurer

Providence 4 mo. 6th 1803 —

Received of Swanzey Monthly meeting by hand of Benjamin Slead Fourteen Dollars, being their part of Quarterly meeting Stock ordered last Eighth month.

David Anthony Q. M. T.

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 6th of 6th mo. 1803 — The Representatives from the Preparative meetings, by their accounts appear are for Swanzey Aaron Buffinton, and Benjamin Earl for Freetown Charles Chase and Abraham Shaw all present

The following Communication was Received at this Time

(to Wit)

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From Nantucket monthly Meeting of Friends held 28th of 1 mo
1803. — To the monthly Meeting of Friends of Swanzey; —

Dear Friends — We received your Communication of the 7th of 12th mo
last respecting the situation of [illegible] Austin, and having endeav-
-oured duly to weigh and consider the Case do not see altogether with
you therein it appearing to us an unprecedented Circumstance,
and one that concerns the Body at large, and we apprehend our
Discipline does not at present so clearly point out, but that doubts
arise in our minds of the propriety of our taking the Charge upon us;
and feeling anxious for an Amicable settlement to take place should
you after the Receipt of this Answer still apprehend that you have
a demand upon us, we are free to propose, that as the Approaching
Yearly Meeting is near at hand at which time and place the
Meeting for Sufferings will Meet, that the Case be laid before
the latter for their determination upon the Question, and that a
Committee be specially appointed from each of our Monthly meetings
to Represent the same. The Judgment whereof we are willing to abide
and should it not meet the Unity of that Body, we conceive it may
with propriety from thence be with propriety laid before the Yearly
Meeting for decision; Wherefore should this Mode meet Your
approbation we have appointed our Friends, [illegible] &
Thos Macy to meet such Committee as your Monthly Meeting
may Appoint upon the subject and have vested them with full
power to settle the matter some way; provided you meet them by
a Committee under like Qualification: — We are with Love your
Friends — Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting aforesaid

By Obed Macy Clerk —

And agreeable to the above proposal, We appoint Reuben Chase
Benjamin Slade and William Lawton to meet the Committee
from Nantucket Monthly Meeting who are Authorised to come
at a Settlement of this matter in some Amicable way as in their
judgment may be thought best who are desired to report at next
Monthly Meeting —

Received the following Information from Easthoosuck Monthly meeting —

Friends of Swanzey Monthly Meeting —

Dear Friends — Our Preparative meeting informed this that Nehemiah Chase has departed from plainness, and wholly neglected the Attendance of our Religious Meetings, and being informed, that he has since removed to reside within the Compass of your monthly meeting, by which we are prevented from extending the necessary care on these Accounts, We therefore request your Assistance in Labouring with him thereon, and inform us your sense with respect to the State of his mind —

With a Salutation of Brotherly Love, we remain your Friends and Brethren —

Signed in and on behalf of our Monthly meeting of Friends of East Hoosuck Held 28th of 4th mo. 1803

By John Upton Clerk —

Upon which we Appoint Nathan Chase and Benjamin Slade to take a Suitable opportunity with him endeavouring to discover the State of his mind in them respects and to make report at next Monthly Meeting —

The Certificate in behalf of Asa Chase jun. sent to Providence Monthly meeting from this 4th mo. last was returned at this time with this Information (to wit) —

A Certificate of Removal from Swanzey Monthly Meeting on behalf of Asa Chase having been laid before our last monthly Meeting and the same being Committed to our Overseers to visit him upon and they now report that he had no Knowledge of the Certificate before and that he did not consider himself to be removed as expressed in the said Certificate it being the sense of this Meeting — We conclude to return the same to Swanzey monthly Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to forward with the Certificate a Copy of this minute — Extracted from the minutes of Providence Monthly Meeting 25th 5 mo. 1803 — Jonathan Congdon Clerk this time

Whereupon Benjamin Earl and John Chase are appointed to Confer with the said Asa Chase respecting his residing in Providence without requesting a Certificate who are directed to report at next Meeting —

Benjamin Slead is appointed Treasurer for this meeting for the Year Ensuing or until a new Choice —

The time for which the Committee (to attend the Burials of deceased friends) being expir'd, the same friends are again appointed for the year Ensuing & they then to report —

The Committee to record Births, Deaths and Burials appointed the last Year are Continued for the Ensuing year, they then to report — Daniel Brayton informs that he has procured a Book to record Certificates in, the Cost of which was [illegible] Dollars, which our Treasurer is directed to repay him, and David Earl is appointed to record therein all Certificates to and from this meeting which the meeting may direct to be Recorded —

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey 4th of 2nd mo 1805 — The Accounts from the Preparative meetings being prepared the Representatives therein named are for Swansey Benjamin Slead and William Luther for Freetown Theophilus Shove and Azariah Shove all present — The Committee in care of the matter respecting Phebe Austin, not being ready to report, are Continued and desir'd to report at next Meeting —

The Committee to Visit Nehemiah Chase inform that they have not had an Opportunity with him, therefore they are continued for that service and desir'd to pay seasonable attention thereto, and to report at next Meeting and William Buffinton is added to sd Committee

The friends in care of the matter respecting Asa Chase Junr not being ready to report are Continued and desir'd to report at next meeting — The time for which the Overseers of the Poor was Appointed being expired — Which coming under Consideration We appoint Theophilus Shove & Benjamin Slead Reuben Chase Azariah Shove and Weston Earl for that service the year Ensuing —

At the Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset
for Swanzey 4th of 7th mo 1803 — The Representatives from
the Preparative meetings by their Accounts are for Swanzey
Joseph Buffinton and Gideon Chase for Freetown John Mitchell
and Adonijah Upton all present — The Committee in the Case
respecting Phebe Austin presented the following report at this
time (to wit) To the Monthly meetings of Nantucket and
Swanzey — We your Committee respecting Phebe Austin
agreeable to Appointment have met and had a full conference
on the Subject and having the advice and Assistance of several
Friends of those monthly meetings and after due Consideration
thereof Do mutually agree that the said Phebe Austin
be and remain in care of Swanzey monthly Meeting and that
Nantucket monthly meeting be at and pay two thirds of what
Expenses Swanzey monthly meeting may have been at, or may
hereafter be at for her Support and that Swanzey monthly
meeting be at the other third on their own Account —
Signed on behalf of the Committees of both of the above said
monthly meetings — By Peleg Macy —
Newport 15th of 6th mo 1803} Reuben Chase —
And the conclusion of the Committees mentioned in said
report is adopted by this Meeting —
The Friends continued to labour with Nehemiah Chase
made report as follows (to wit) To the monthly meeting of
Swanzey to be held 4th of 7th mo 1803 — Agreeable to appoint-
ment we have had an Opportunity with Nehemiah Chase
and Endeavour'd to convince him of his Misconduct as set forth
in the information against him which appears not to have the
desired Effect he being in a State of Indifference

William Lawton
Benjamin Slade

and the further Consideration and }
proceeding thereon is refer'd to next meeting }

The friends in care of the matter respecting Asa Chase Junr inform'd that they have had an Opportunity with him and he inform'd us that his prospect of residing there was so uncertain was the cause why he had so long neglected applying for a Certificate and that he now desires a few lines for that purpose to Providence monthly Meeting which matter is refer'd to next meeting for further Consideration —

The Queries with Answers from the several preparative meetings was read in this meeting from which general Answers was Compiled and thought to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting by Joseph Buffinton Benjamin Earl and Theophilus Shove whom we Appoint to attend said meeting as our representatives and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute —

Swanzey preparative meeting in their Account inform that Aaron Buffinton acquainted them that he purpose to Offer his intentions of Marriage with Rebekah Purinton at this meeting they Accordingly appeared and expressed their intention of taking each other in Marriage which is taken notice of and they advised to Appear at next monthly meeting for an Answer and William Lawton and Nathan Chase are Appointed to make the necessary enquiry respecting the clearness of Marriage of the said Aaron and report thereof at next meeting — Freetown Preparative meeting in their account inform that Abraham Shove requested that Meeting that he intend to offer his intentions of Marriage with Rebeckah Shove at this meeting they Accordingly appeared and Expressed their intentions of taking each other in Marriage which is taken notice of and they advised to Appear at next monthly meeting for an Answer George Shove and Adonijah Upton are Appointed to make the Necessary inquiry respecting the clearness of Marriage of the said Abraham and report thereof at next meeting — The overseers presented the following information (to wit) Whereas John Robinson Junr some time past Attended places of Publick resort and has been in the practice of too freely partaking of Spirituous Liquors whereby he hath brought a reproach upon truth for which Misconduct he has been tenderly labour'd with, from time to time to little or no effect and has also advanced into trade beyond his Abilities whereby his Creditors is liable to suffer loss —

William Lawton
Asa Chase

Which we Submit to the meeting

Whereupon Benjamin Earl Daniel Brayton and George Shove are Appointed to take a Solid opportunity with him endeavouring to convince and reclaim him, and to report the State of his mind at next monthly meeting —

A Copy of a minute from this meeting of 4 mo.th 1799 on behalf of Robert Slade to direct to Uxbridge monthly meeting, was returnd at this time, with their Endorsment thereon Dated 29 of 4 mo.th 1803 — Certifying that he retained his right of Memberſhip —

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset [illegible] Swanzey 5th of 9 mo.th 1803 — The accounts from the Preparative meeting being presented the Repreſentatives therein named are, for Swan-zey Peter Earl and Oliver Chase for Freetown, Edmond Anthony and George Shove all preſent except Edmond Anthony — The matter respecting Nehemiah Chase coming before this meeting after consideration thereof, that matter is referd to next monthly meeting — — The matter referd at laſt meeting, respecting Aſa Chase junr. coming under consideration, William Lawton and Reuben Chase are Appointed to prepare the Neceſsary certificate on his behalf if way appears clear and preſent at next meeting. The Repreſentatives to attend our laſt Quarterly meeting, inform that they all Attended — Aaron Buffinton and Rebekah Purinton, and Abraham Shove and Rebecca Slade all appear in this meeting and severally signified the continuation of their intentions of Marriage and by the Committees report nothing appearing to obstruct, they are advised to Accomplish their said Marriages according to the order of Society and William Lawton and Daniel Brayton are Appointed, to see said Marriages decently Consummated, and to report thereof at next Meeting — The Committee to labour with John Robinson junr. informd that they have Attended to the service of their Appointment, but not ready to make a full report therefore they are Continued to accomplish the same and make a report in the Eleventh month next — — David Harvey appeared in this meeting and expreſsd a desire to be taken under the care of Friends, Whereupon Jonathan Chase and Daniel Brayton, are Appointed to take a Solid opportunity with him endeavouring to feel after the mind of truth therein, and to report their sense thereof at next Meeting — It appearing that the time for which the Overseers was Appointed is now expired which matter coming under Consideration the same friends are reappointed (namely) William Lawton, Aſa Chase Daniel Earl George Shove and Azariah Shove, for that service, for the Year ensuing.

Our Esteemed Friend Richard Mott attended this meeting with a Copy of a ~~minute~~ minute from a Monthly meeting of Friends at Uxbridge, 26 of 8th mo 1803 — expressive of their Unity with him as a Minister and the Approbation of his present visit, whose labours of love amongst us have been to our Satisfaction and Comfort and an endorsement on said copy was prepared and Signed by the Clerk

The Overseers of the Poor presented the following accompt of Expence for the Support of Phebe Austin which is accepted as follows: To the monthly meeting now Sitting — An Account of Expence for Supporting Phebe Austin

Say for boarding and nursing her from 23 of 2 mo to 31st of 8th mo 1803 —
27 weeks at $2 per week . . . $54.00
to Cloathing and other necessaries for her Support - - - - - 7.66
$61.66

Swanzey 5th of 9th mo 1803 —

Benjamin Slade
Weston Earl
Azariah Shove
Reuben Chase } Overseers of the Poor —

Whereupon Reuben Chase is appointed to apply to ~~apply~~ to Nantucket monthly meeting for their proportion of the above expence and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute —

This meeting agrees to raise the sum of Sixty Dollars to supply the Treasury, and a Subscription was begun in this meeting and left in charge of the Representatives —

10/18 At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 3 of 10th mo 1803 — The Accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives thereon Named are for Swanzey Benjamin Buffinton and Reuben Chase for Freetown George Shove and Abraham Shove, all present except George Shove for whose absence satisfactory reasons hath been given —

The Committee to prepare a Certificate in behalf of Asa Chase Junr informed that they had attended to that matter but not fully ready to report they are Continued for that service and desired to report at next meeting

The Committee in case of David Harvey's request made the following report (Viz) We the Committee respecting David Harvey's request to be taken under the care of Friends have had an Opportunity with him and think it would be safe to grant him his request. Which we submit

Somerset 3 of 10 . 1803 — Jonathan Chase
Daniel Buffinton

Which is accepted and so the said David Harvey is received into Membership with Us —

Swanzey Preparative meeting in their Account, inform that Edward Purinton being about to remove within the Compass of Quemins monthly meeting in the Government of New York and requested our Certificate for himself and Family, Whereupon Willi Lawton and Benjamin Slade are Appointed to make the nece -sary enquiry respecting said removal and if way appears clear to prepare such Certificate and present at next monthly meeting— The Queries with Answers from the several preparative meetin was read and general answers agreed on and directed to be forwarde to the next Quarterly meeting by John Chase Weston Earl an Abraham Shove, whom we appoint to attend said meeting a our Representatives, and the Clerk is directed to furnish them wi a Copy of this minute — The matter refer'd at last meetin respecting Nehemiah Chase coming under consideration it agai Continued under the care of William Lawton and Reuben Chas William Lawton and Daniel Brayton informed that the Marriages of Abraham Shove and Rebeckah Slade and that Aaron Buffinton and Rebeckah Purinton was decently solemniz The Committee in care of the meeting at Taunton presented th following report (viz.) We the Committee to attend Taunton meetin have generally attended that meeting and think it hath been reputably kept, we also think well of its being continued longer yet kept under the care of a Committee, all which we Submit —

Signed on behalf of the Committee —
By Benjamin Buffinton
Abigail Lawton —

Which is accepted and a meeting granted at that place as proposed in the above report till the 4 mo. next, under the care of the same friends who are continued for that service they to report thereof as Occasion may require —

Jonathan Chase laid before this meeting a desire that his Infant son Israel be taken under the care of friends, Whereupon William Lawton and Moses Buffinton are Appointed to take that matte into Consideration and report their sence thereof at next Meeting

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at [illegible]
[illegible] 11 mo 11th 1803 — The Representatives to the
Quarterly meetings by their Accounts appear [illegible]
Nathan Chase and Caleb [illegible] [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible] Representatives to [illegible]
Meeting [illegible] by all [illegible] —

The friends to prepare a Certificate on [illegible]
[illegible] & family, produced one which being read was approved
and Signed by the Clerk and Daniel Brayton is Appointed
to forward Said Certificate to the [illegible] —

The Committee on case of Jonathan Chase's request not being
ready to report are continued for that service, and to report at next
meeting — The friends [illegible] the matter respecting [illegible]
Chase junr inform that he still continues within the Compass
of Providence monthly meeting, and desires that a Copy of a minute
[illegible] that meeting to become a member
[illegible] the Clerk is directed to forward a Copy of this minute
[illegible] — The Committee to labour with John
Robinson jun [illegible] that they have Attended to the [illegible]
of their [illegible] but not ready to make a full report
of the [illegible] are again Continued, and to report in the first month next
[illegible] [illegible] this meeting that he was about to
take a journey to some parts of the Government of New York
on business he being a Member in [illegible] with us, the Clerk
is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute —

[illegible] [illegible] from the minutes of our last
Quarterly meeting — The Committee to consider of some of the
Queries recommended that the following be adopted instead of the
2d and 3d Queries which is agreed to and this alteration is
directed to be inserted in all our books of Discipline and
Seperate Queries —
Query 2d Are love and Unity maintained amongst you, are
detraction guarded against, and where any differences arise are
endeavours used speedily to end them:

Query 3. Are friends carefull to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech behaviour and Apparel to restrain them from reading pernicious books, and the corrupt conversation of the world and are they good examples herein themselves, and the holy Scriptures frequently read in their Families —

Query 5th. Are friends careful frequently to inspect their affairs and settle their Accounts whilst in health and are publick gifts and legacies applied to the use intended by the Donor —

This meeting hath concluded to raise $500 — Rhode Island Quarterly meeting is requested to raise $125 their proportion of this meetings Stock and forward the same to our Treasurer and an Account thereof to this Meeting —

Extracted from the minutes of our Yearly meeting held in Rhode Island by adjournment from the 13th to the 15th of 6th mo. 1803 — By Obadiah Davis Clerk —

The matter relating to Nehemiah Chase is again referred till next meeting under the care of the same friends —

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 5th of 12 mo. 1803 — The Accounts from the Preparative meeting being presented the Representatives therein named are for Swanzey Benjamin Slade and Oliver Earl for Freetown Hezekiah Wilbur and Abraham Shove all present except Abraham Shove for whose absence satisfactory reasons hath been rendered — The Committee in case of Jonathan Chase's request are again Continued and to report at next meeting — The matter respecting Nehemiah Chase coming under Consideration is again referred to next meeting — This meeting being informed that Buffum Chase hath removed within the verge of Uxbridge monthly meeting and that he desires a few lines by way of Certificate Whereupon David Earl and Elijah Cornell is appointed to prepare such Certificate if way appears clear and present at next Meeting —

Received the following Communication from Providence monthly meeting (to wit) — At a monthly meeting of Women friends held at Providence the 23 of the 11 mo 1803 — The overseers of the poor presented a few lines to this meeting representing the case of Phebe Austin a friend in necessitous Circumstances, who hath was for a considerable time Assisted, untill friends of Swanzey monthly meeting of which she was a Member refused supplying her, with what she might require themselves — but as nothing has since been received nor any Attention paid to the subject by them, and she being in a very destitute situation — It is advised that friends of this meeting continue their care and furnish her with what she may need to render her Comfortable and that the Overseers be appointed to write to them again on the subject and forward the report presented to this Meeting — Extracted from the minutes aforesaid —

By Dorcas Brown Clerk —

To the Monthly meeting of Providence —

The case of Phebe Austin a poor friend resideing with us is such that we think it our duty to lay it before the monthly meeting about the time of the last Quarterly meeting some of the Overseers of Swanzey monthly meeting gave us to understand that they would provide for her and desire that we would not do any thing more for her on their Account we Accordingly omitted doing anything for some time — but as she became almost wholly destitute of Clothing, and finding no provision for clothing or otherwise has been made by that monthly meeting since and the severe weather Approaching we were not easy to stand as overseers of the poor and suffer her to remain with us in a situation so destitute — we have therefore with the advice of some other friends — furnished her with some small supply of Clothing and some other means of support and desire the Advice of the monthly meeting how we shall proceed in future in case she is not otherwise provided for Agreeable to Appointment of our Monthly meeting we have forward you their minute and report therein refered to and there appears to us a Necessity of speedy attention to further supply of Clothing as well as other Necessaries for her Support —

Being Appointed to Assist the women in writing to Your meeting on the subject of Phebe Austin's supply and have seen and considered the Minute and report referred to and the additional Information of our Women Overseers Appears nothing further necessary to mention, save our desire that proper Attention may be paid by the Monthly meeting of Swanzey to the Subject —

Providence 31st of 11mo 1803 } Moses Brown
Thomas Arnold —

And after consideration thereon the following Answer was prepared in this meeting and signed by the Clerk (to wit) —

From our Monthly meeting held at Somerset for Swanzey 5th of 12 mo 1803 — to the Monthly meeting of Friends at Providence —

Esteemed Friends — your Communication of the 1st instant Respecting Phebe Austin was received at this time and by information from our Overseers of the poor find that they have paid Attention to the Subject and had as they thought provided such means as was sufficient for her support except somewhat in Clothing which will be forwarded soon and as we Approve of their taking the whole care in that case without burthening your meeting have again advised them to proceed in that matter agreeable to the order of Society

Signed by order of sd meeting
By Daniel Brayton
Mary Earl } Clerks —

And Reuben Chace is appointed to forward the same to that Meeting —

David Earl and Benjamin Earl is Appointed to provide Hay Wood &c. for the Use of Friends at our next Quarterly Meeting and present their Account when Accomplished

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey
2d 1 mo 1804 — The Accounts from the Preparative meetings being
called the Representatives therein named are for Swanzey Reuben Chace
and Benjamin Slade for Freetown [illegible] Upton and Jon Borden
all present — The Queries with answers to the 1st 2d & 12th from the
several preparative meetings, was read in this meeting, from which general
Answers was agreed on, and for the present state of this meeting, directed to be
forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting by Philip Chace and Weston Earl
whom we appoint our Representatives and the Clerk is directed to
furnish them with a Copy of this minute — The Committee in the case
of Jonathan Chace's request report at this time that nothing appeared to
obstruct the granting his request and his son Isaac be taken under the
care of Friends which this meeting concurs in and he received accordingly
The matter respecting Nehemiah Chace coming under consideration, and
it appearing to be the mind of the meeting that a Copy of a minute of this
meeting in the 8th mo last together with the Committees report
respecting that matter be forwarded to East Greenwich monthly meeting and the
Clerk is directed to forward a Copy accordingly —
The Overseers of the Poor presented the following account Vizt:
To the monthly meeting now sitting —
We have assisted Phebe Austin
for board and Clothing to the Amount of $ 1, 57 cents up to the
seventeenth of twelfth month last — Benjamin Slade
Somerset 2d of 1 mo 1804 — Weston Earl — Overseers
Reuben Chace of the Poor
Which is accepted and our Treasurer is directed to discharge the
same together with the account of the expenses of the poor heretofore
allowed in the 9 mo last — Reuben Chace informs that [illegible]
Monthly meeting has forwarded Fifty Dollars & Fifteen cents towards the
Expense for the Support of Phebe Austin — which sum the Treasurer
has taken charge of — The matter respecting John Robinson junr
is again referred under the care of the same friends they to report
at next Meeting —

The friends to prepare a Certificate on behalf of Benjamin Chace presented one which was read approved of and Signed by the Clerk and John Chace is Appointed to forward the Certificate to the place directed — It appears that the sum of Fifty three Dollars and forty Cents has been raised and Deposited into the Treasury in consequence of a conclusion of this meeting in the 9th mo last — This meeting agrees to raise Fifty Dollars to supply the Treasury and the several Preparative meetings are desired to contribute thereto and send up to our next meeting — and the Clerk is directed to furnish each meeting with a Copy of this minute

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 6th of 2 mo 1804 — The Representatives from the preparative meeting by their accounts are for Swanzey Benjamin Buffinton and Stephen Chace, for Freetown Theophilus Chace and Adonijah Lipton all present — The Representatives to last Quarterly meeting informed that they all Attended —

The Friends to labour with John Robinson Junr made report at this time that they have had several Opportunities with him, and he appears in a good degree sensible of his misconduct and he presented a paper Condemning the same, which is referred to next meeting for further consideration — Swanzey Preparative meeting forwarded the following information (Viz) At the Preparative meeting of Friends held at Somerset 2d of 2 mo 1804 —

Whereas John Chace 2d has so far disregarded the rules established by Friends as to Company with one who was not a Member with us and has Married out from amongst friends altho he was [illegible] forewarned which we notice to the meeting — Asa Chace 2d
William Lawton
David Carr

Whereupon he the said John Chace is denied membership until he returns and makes friends satisfaction and Jonathan Chace is desired to inform him thereof —

Swansey Preparative meeting in their account inform that
Abraham Hart proposes to offer his intentions of Marriage with
Abigail Ross at this meeting he producing the necessary Certificate
from Sandwich monthly meeting and appeared with her and express'd
their intentions of taking each other in Marriage which is taken notice
of and they advised to appear at next monthly meeting for an Answer

Received a removal Certificate from Providence monthly meeting
on behalf of Eunice Chace and her four Sons (named) Anthony Obadiah
Nathan and Daniel which Certificate is directed to be recorded

Swansey Overseers produce the following information (to wit) To the
monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset the 6th 2d mo 1804
We have to inform that Darius Chace has so far deviated from the
rules of Friends as to pay a fine on the account of [illegible] we
have labour'd with him to no Effect — Asa Chace
David Earl } Overseers

Whereupon Nathan Chace and Adonijah Upton are appointed to
labour with him, endeavouring to convince him of the inconsistency of
his conduct in that respect (and report the state of his mind at next
meeting — the Committee appointed to make provision for our last
Quarterly meeting produced an account of the same to amount of
Eleven Dollars and Sixty Cents which is approved and John Chace is
appointed to draw the same out of the Quarterly meeting's stock and
and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute

Reuben Chace is appointed to inform Nantucket monthly
meeting of the amount of Expences for the support of Phebe Upton
and to apply to that meeting for their proportion of the same and to
report to this meeting his progress in that matter —

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset
for Swansey 5th of 3 mo 1804 — The Representatives from
the Preparative meetings by their accounts are, Benjamin
Green Chace and Joseph E. Robinson for Freetown
Abraham Chace and Adonijah Upton, all present.

The matter respecting John Robinson Junr coming under
Consideration and his paper of Condemnation being read it
appeared, to be the sense of the meeting, that the same be refer'd
to next monthly meeting.

Abraham Wing, and Abigail Shove appeared and Expressed their continuation of their intention of Marriage and nothing appearing to obstruct they are desired to accomplish the same, agreeable to the order of Society, and Adonijah Upton, Theophilus Shove, and Daniel Brayton, are appointed to see said Marriage decently Consummated and to report thereof at next monthly meeting — The Committee to labour with Darius Chace not being ready to report are Continued and Moses Buffinton is added to said Committee, who are desired to report at next meeting —

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey 26 of 7 mo 1804 — The Accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Swansey William Luther and Benjamin Buffinton for Freetown John Boyce and Abraham Shove all present except Abraham Shove for whose absence satisfactory reasons were given The Queries and Answers from the Preparative meetings were read in this meeting and general Answers thereunto Compiled and forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by the Representatives whose names are Daniel Brayton Gedion Chace and Benjamin Slade Also we have directed our Treasurer to pay our proportion of Yearly meeting Stock, which appears to be fourteen Dollars, to the Treasurer thereof agreeable to the Extracts that we received from said Yearly meeting and the Clerk is directed to furnish the Representatives with a Copy of this minute — The matter respecting John Robinson Junr after being read up was again referred for further Consideration — also the matter respecting Darius Chace was read up, and the Committee informed that they were not ready to report therefore they are continued for the same service and to report thereof at our next monthly meeting — The Committee appointed to attend the Marriage of Abraham Wing and Abigail Shove, reported that the same was decently Consummated — The Committee that have the care of Taunton Meeting made report which is accepted and is as follows (Vizt) We the Committee appointed to attend the meeting at Taunton [illegible] three [illegible] it appears [illegible] have [illegible]

[illegible] by reason of the [illegible]
we [illegible] think well of a meeting being continued there while yet under
the care of a Committee all which we submit —

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Somerset 7th of 4 mo 1804 }

By Jonathan Chace &
Abigail Lawton }

This P. meeting is continued as heretofore under the care of the same Committee, untill the tenth month next, they then to report —

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 2 of 5 mo 1804 — The Representatives from the Preparative meetings by their Accounts are for Swanzey John Chace and Nathan Chace for Freetown Geory Chace and Theophilus Shove all present — The Clerk informed that the time of his Appointment was expired, Whereupon the Representatives are desired to consider of a suitable person for that service and confer with him thereon also an Assistant and to report thereof at next meeting and Daniel [illegible] is appointed Clerk for the day — The general Epistle from the Yearly meeting of London for the Year 1803 was read in this meeting and the salutary advice therein contained was to our satisfaction [illegible] — The matter respecting John Robinson &c was not acted upon and again referred to next meeting — Also the matter respecting Darius Chace coming before this meeting and the Committee informed that it is [illegible] the meeting would wait upon him another month which is granted, and the Committee continued to have the care thereof and to report at next meeting — One of the Representatives to last Quarterly meeting informed that they all attended and produced a Copy of a minute which is as follows

At a Quarterly meeting held at Somerset for Rhode Island the 2[illegible]th of 4th mo 1804 — It is concluded to raise the sum of Four Hundred Dollars as stock for this meeting — The several monthly meetings are desired to send up their proportions agreeable to the former Estimate [illegible] by the Representatives and the Clerk is directed to furnish them therewith

Rhode Island monthly meeting	$ 37-60
Greenwich ditto	51-20
South Kingstown ditto	54-40
Swanzey ditto	44-80
Providence Do	112 —
	$ 400 —

Extracted from the minutes of the Meeting
By Obadiah Williams Clerk

Which is referred to next monthly Meeting —

Received an Extract from the minutes of the meeting for Sufferings as follows (Viz.) — The Yearly meeting having represented to this meeting that the endeavours of Friends to procure Subscriptions sufficient to establish a Yearly meeting School at present had fail'd and that those who had subscribed thereto were released from the Subscriptions at the same time recommending to this meeting to promote Subscr-iptions for the increase of the present Fund, which was subscribed some time past and amounts to about Four Thousand Dollars Desirous that Friends may extend their views to the increase of the Fund with a liberality which the Consideration of the importance of the object we hope will not fail to excite that a foundation will be laid for the Commencement of an Institution at a time not very remote, which has for its object the welfare of the rising Generation we recommend to the Quarterly and monthly meetings to enter into a Subs-cription for that purpose the Interest whereof to be considered at the disposal of the Yearly meeting to be applied to the purpose aforesaid, and that they report their proceedings to this meeting in the sixth month next. — Extracted from the minutes of the meeting for Sufferings held at

New Bedford 12 mo 8th, 1803 —

By William Almy Clerk —

Whereupon we appoint Daniel Brayton, [illegible] Weston, [illegible] and Abraham Shove to take such Subscriptions as may be made for that purpose — The Preparative meeting produced the following information (Viz.) To the monthly meeting of Friends to be held at [illegible] — 3 of 5 mo 1804 — We hereby inform that Silas Chace jun. hath brought a reproach upon Society by contending with a Young man and striking of him several times also using indecent language for which disorderly Conduct he hath been tenderly laboured with, and he doth not appear in a disposition to condemn his sd Conduct —

Asa Chace
David Earle } Overseers —

Whereupon we appoint John [illegible] and Daniel Brayton, to take an Opportunity with the sd Silas in order to convince him of the inconsistency of such Conduct and report the state of his mind to next meeting

To the Meet receive the following information Viz

To the monthly meeting of Swanzey or the Overseers of s^{d} meeting

Dear Friends — The Clerk of Providence monthly meeting having received a Copy of your minute respecting Asa Chace Jun^{er} and presenting it to said meeting they nominated us to take an Opportunity with him in order to encourage his more frequently attending our meetings, particularly those for Discipline. It having been suggested to us that he was keeping Company with a Person not a member of our Society which on enquiry of him he Acknowledged to be the case. and having represented it to the monthly meeting they not thinking it proper to receive the minute but requested us to represent the same to You, that You might labour with him through your overseers in caution him before he proceeds agreeable to Discipline if you thought best —

We are Your Friends
Providence 4moth 6.1804
John Holden
Obadiah M Brown —

Whereupon we appoint John Chace and Benjamin Earle to take an Opportunity with the s^{d} Asa using their endeavours to Convince him of the inconsistancy thereof and report to next Meeting -

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 4th d 6th moth 1804 — The Representatives from the Preparative meetings to their Accounts are for Swanzey Asa Chace and William Lawton for Freetown John Boyce and Abraham Shove all present — The Representatives to last meeting reported at this time respecting a Clerk that they had attended to their Appointment and not agreeing on a Friend This meeting taking the matter into Consideration nominate Daniel Brayton who meeting the Approbation thereof he is appointed Clerk accordingly for the Year ensueing and Joseph Buffinton Assistant — The matter referr'd at last meeting respecting John Robinson Jun^{r} is again refer'd to next meeting — The Committee appointed to ~~labour~~ treat with Daniel Chace not being ready to report are again Continued for that service and desired to report to next meeting The Committee appointed to labour with Silas Chace Jun^{r} report that they had paid attention agreeable thereto and that he did not

Appear in a disposition to condemn his sd misconduct therefore
the same is refer'd to next meeting for further Consideration
The friends appointed to treat with Asa Chace jun.r not being
ready to report are again continued for that service and desired
to report to next meeting — The Committee appointed to take
Subscriptions of friends towards the increase of the present Fund
in order to Establish a Yearly meeting School, reported that no
Friend had subscribed thereto, the Clerk is directed to forward a
Copy of this minute to the meeting for Sufferings
The friends who had the charge of recording Births, Deaths and
Burials, reported that they had attended thereto and their appoint
-ment being expired Whereupon Daniel Brayton, Benjamin Earle
and Abraham Shove are appointed to that service for the
Year Ensuing — The matter referr'd at last meeting respecting
our proportion of Quarterly meetings Stock being considered at this
time this meeting agrees to raise Fifty Dollars to supply our
Treasury, and the Clerk is directed to furnish each preparative
meeting with a Copy of this minute, and our Treasurer is directed
to pay to the Quarterly meetings Treasurer Forty four Dollars
and Eighty Cents our proportion of said Stock when he shall be
enabled, and report when Accomplished —
Benjamin Slade produced to this meeting the following receipt
(Copy) Providence 4th mo. 11th 1804 — Received from Swanzey
Monthly meeting Fourteen Dollars by the hands of Benjamin
Slade for the Yearly meetings Stock —
Caleb Greene Treasurer —

1804 At a Monthly meeting of Friends held [illegible] for Swanzey 2[illegible] of [illegible]mo 1804. The Accounts from the preparative meetings being presented the representatives therein named are for Swanzey David Earle and Daniel Buffinton for Freetown George Shove and Josiah Shove all present —

The matter respecting John Brayton jun.r was again referred in this meeting and is referred until the tenth month next —

The Committee that was appointed to labour with Darius Chace reported that they have paid attention thereto notwithstanding are desirous that the matter be continued another month which is accordingly they then to report

The Committee appointed to treat with Asa Chace jun.r for not making a full report they are again continued for that service and desired to report at our next meeting and Benjamin Chace is added to them

The Case of Silas Chace jun.r referred at last meeting being weightily considered at this time it is the judgment of this meeting that he be disowned a membership which is accordingly until he manifest a sincere reform. Daniel Brayton and David Earle are appointed to draught a testimony of denyal against the said Silas and present to next meeting — and likewise inform him of the judgment of this meeting — Received the following (viz.)

To Friends of Swanzey Monthly meeting —

Dear Friends —
An appointment having been made in behalf of East Hoosack Monthly meeting we request your assistance in informing Nehemiah Chace that the meeting after due Consideration of his case have come to a conclusion to disown him from being any longer a member of our Society and desire you to give information to our monthly meeting of your care herein when Compleated —
With a Salutation of love we remain your friends and Brethren —
Adams 31st of 3mo 1804
Laban [illegible]
Isaac [illegible] jun.r —

Wherefore David Earle and William [illegible] are appointed to inform him Accordingly and prepare an Essay to that meeting and produce to our next meeting —

Received the following (Vizt) To Swanzey monthly meeting in the 8th mo. 1804 — We have Assisted Phebe Austin

The Clerk informed that he had forwarded to Each preparative meeting Copy's of the minute of our last meeting agreeable to direction, also that directed to the meeting for Sufferings

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 6th of 8th mo. 1804 — The Accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the representatives therein named are for Swanzey Weston Earle and Stephen Chace, for Freetown Adonijah Upton and John Boyce all present —

The Queries with answers to the first, Second and twelfth from the several preparative meetings were read in this from which general Answers were Compiled and forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by the Representatives who are Joseph Buffinton, William Luther and Theophilus Shove, whom are appointed to attend said Meeting — and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute

The Committee appointed to labour with Darius Chace, made the following report which is Excepted and is as followeth (Vizt)

We your Committee in the case of Darius Chace have had several Opportunities with him (respecting his paying a Military fine) and he appears to be sensible of his misconduct in that respect, and also hath forward a few lines from under his hand Condemning the same

Signed in behalf of sd Committee
By Adonijah Upton

and his paper of Condemnation being presented, is refer'd for further Consideration, George Shove and Benjamin Slade, are appointed to have the care of sd paper, and to report their prospect thereon at our next meeting — The Friends that were Appointed to Draught a testimony of denial against Silas Chace junr presented ~~the same~~ one which is excepted, the Consideration of reading the same is refer'd to next meeting

1804 7th mo At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 2d of 7th mo 1804 — The Accounts from the Preparative meetings were read and the Representatives therein named are

The Committee that was Appointed to treat with Asa Chace Jun^r presented the following report (Viz^t) We your Committee have had an Opportunity with the Asa Chace Jun^r and found him not sensible of his misconduct altho he acknowledgeth that he has paid several Military fines altho not in a disposition of mind to Condemn the same
Swanzey 5th of 7th mo 1804
John Chace
Benjamin Slade
Benjamin Earl

Whereupon we do disown the said Asa Chace Jun^r from being in membership untill he manifest a sincere return — William Lawton and David Earle are appointed to prepare a Testimony of denial and present to next meeting — Swanzey Preparative meeting in their Account inform that Benjamin Chace 2d proposes to offer his intention of Marriage with Lydia Chace at this meeting they accordingly appeared and Signified their intentions of taking each other in Marriage who are desired to appear at next monthly meeting for an answer Jonathan Earle and Joseph Chace are appointed to inquire into the clearness of the said Benjamin and report at our next meeting —

The friends appointed at last meeting to inform Nehemiah Chace agreeable to the request of East Hoosuck monthly meeting reported that they had Accordingly and also presented an Answer as follows (Viz^t) To Friends of East Hoosuck monthly meeting

Dear Friends We received your information dated [illegible] 1804 — and also informed Nehemiah Chace that he is disowned for a right among friends according to your request.
From our monthly meeting held at Somerset for Swanzey 6th of 8th mo 1804 — Signed in and on behalf of the meeting
By Daniel Brayton Clerk —

And Reuben Chace is appointed to forward the same to the place directed — Reuben Chace informed this meeting that he had drawn on Nantucket monthly meeting $32-47 Cents on account of Expenses for the Support of Phebe Austin, and turned the Same into the Treasury —

Received the following (Vizt) To Swanzey monthly
meeting in the 8th mo.th 1804 — We have Assisted Phebe Austin
from the 17th of 12th mo.th last up to this date to Amount
4th of 8 mo.th 1804 of $56..15 cents

Reuben Chace
Weston Earle } Overseers of
Benjamin Slade the Poor

Whereupon our Treasurer is directed to discharge the same

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset
for Swanzey 3d of 9th mo.th 1804 — Accounts from the
Preparative meetings being received the Representatives
therein named are for Swanzey Benjamin Slade and Jonathan
Earle for Freetown Azariah Shove and Theophilus Shove
all present — The Representatives to last Quarterly meeting
reported that they all Attended — The matter referred at last
meeting respecting Darius Chace, coming again before this
and his paper of Condemnation being read, in this meeting
is received for satisfaction — The matter referred at last
meeting respecting publicly reading the Testimony of denyal
against Silas Chace Junr being weightily considered at this
time, Moses Buffinton is appointed to read the same at the
close of a meeting for Worship, at this place —
The friends that were Appointed to prepare a Testimony
of denyal against Asa Chace Junr inform'd that they haven't
prepared Sd Testimony, and the meeting taking the matter under
Consideration think best that the same be discontinued which is
Accordingly — Benjamin Chace and Lydia Shove, appeared in this
meeting and Continued their intentions of taking each other in Marriage
and by the Committee's report, nothing appearing to Obstruct, they are
left at Liberty to proceed Agreeable to the order of Society,
Azariah Shove and Adonijah Upton are Appointed to have the
care thereof, and to report at next Monthly meeting —

It Appearing to this meeting that the time for which the Overseers were Appointed is expired Whereupon each Preparative meeting are desired to Nominate some suitable friends to supply that place and forward their names to next monthly meeting and the Clerk is directed to furnish each meeting with a Copy of this Minute —

The time for which the Overseers of the poor were Appointed being expired and the meeting taking the matter into Consideration do reappoint the same friends to that place for the Year ensueing Namely Theophilus Shove, Benjamin Slade, Reuben Chace Azariah Shove and Weston Earle — John Chace informed at this time, that he has drawn the money out of the Quarterly meetings Treasury agreeable to direction in the 2nd Month last and forwarded the same to our Treasurer which appears to be Eleven Dollars and Fifty Cents which sum our Treasurer is directed to pay to friends that had the care of Provideing for the Quarterly meeting held in the first month last — John Chace laid before this meeting a prospect he had on his mind of Visiting his Friends at Easton, and desired a few lines from this meeting, these are to Certify that he is a Member in Unity with us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this Minute —

Received the following Extracts from the Yearly and Quarterly Meeting (Viz) — The Representatives to Attend the Yearly meeting reported that they all attended and brought down the following Extracts from the minutes of that meeting, and the Clerk is directed to send Copies to all our Monthly meetings with each meetings proportion of sd Stock — The Committee to take into Consideration the general state of Society having considered the subject of revising the Queries And have submitted to this meeting as their Judgment, that the introductory recommendation, usually read preceding the Queries may be either omitted in future, unless Circumstances should render it necessary And that women friends in their meeting need not read or answer that part of the seventh Query respecting the payment of Priests wages bearing of Arms, training or other military matters — And Also that the following be substituted for the ninth Query, Viz — Are friends careful to maintain our Testimony faithfully against Slavery? — Which after deliberate consideration is adopted, and the said alteration is directed to be be inserted in all our Books of discipline — This meeting hath concluded to raise $500 the ensueing Year, Rhode Island Quarterly meeting is desired to forward to this meetings Treasurer $125 and an Account to this meeting next Year. — Extracted from the minutes of our Yearly meeting held in Rhode Island by Adjournments from the 11th to the 13th of 6th Mo. inclusive 1804 by [illegible] Davis Clerk —

Each Monthly meetings proportion of Yearly meetings Stock

Rhode Island	$43	South Kingstown	$17
Greenwich	16	Providence	35
Swanzey	14		

Which they are desired to send up to the Yearly Meetings Treasurer —

The Committee appointed at last Quarter to confer with Greenwich Monthly meeting and make other necessary enquiries respecting the building a meeting house at Greenwich made the following report — The Committee Appointed to confer with Greenwich Monthly meeting respecting a meeting house contemplated to be built at Greenwich suitable to Accommodate said monthly meeting and the Quarterly meeting when held there — According to Appointment have had a conference with Sd Meeting, by their Committee, and have made such other enquiries as appeared necessary; and report that they find a Lott may be had of two Acres for three Hundred Dollars, which the friends agreed to purchase on their own Account for the use of Friends if they think proper to take it. We have also Considered of a suitable size for the house and are of Opinion that 45 feet by 32 and 20 feet post will be a suitable size, which we think together with the Lott will cost two Thousand Dollars — which we respectfully submit to the meeting

East Greenwich 8th mo 6th 1804 } By Joseph Collins, David Buffum, Thomas Arnold, Benjamin Slade
To the Quarterly meeting next to be held at Portsmouth —

And Friends in the several monthly meetings are requested to set on subscriptions for the purpose, and return them to next Quarter, and the subscribers then to attend to take Cognizance of the [illegible] direct and report what they think best to be done, they to meet at the 3 hour the day before the Quarterly meeting, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the monthly meetings with a Copy of the minute and report

Extracted

Extracted from the minutes of a Quarterly meeting held at Portsmouth for Rhode Island the 9th of 8 mo.th 1804 —
By Obadiah Williams Clerk —

Whereupon Nathan Chace, Adonijah Upton, Azariah Shove, Benjamin Slade, and Eber Slade are Appointed to take subscriptions of friends for the purpose of building said meeting House and report at our next Meeting —

Received the following (Viz) 9th of 8 mo.th 1804 —

Received from Swanzey Monthly meeting by the hand of Benjamin Slade Forty four Dollars and Eighty Cents, their proportion of Quarterly meeting Stock, ordered in the first month
David Anthony Quarterly meetings Treasurer

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey first of 10th mo.th 1804 — The Accounts from the preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Swanzey Daniel Brayton & Nathan Chace, for Freetown Abraham Shove and Adonijah Upton – all present —

The Queries with answers to the first, second, and twelfth were received from the several Preparative meetings and read in this meeting, from which general answers were agreed on and forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting by Reuben Chace, Abraham Shove and Weston Earl, who are appointed to attend said meeting as Representatives, and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute —

The friends that was appointed to attend the Marriage of Benjamin Chace 2d and Lydia Shove, reported that it was decently Consummated — The Committee that had the care of Taunton meeting made the following report (to Wit) — We your Committee in care of Taunton meeting have most of us attended that meeting since our last continuance and believe it has been reputably kept up, and we think well of its being continued as heretofore which we submit to the Meeting —
1st of 10 mo 1804 } Signed in behalf of the Committee by Jonathan Chace
Abigail Lawton

Which is accepted, and the meeting is continued as heretofore untill the 4 mo.th next under the care of the former Committee and David Shirley is added to the Committee —

The matter that was refer'd some time past, respecting John Robinsons coming again before this meeting, and his Written acknowledgment, be at the time read up, is received for Satisfaction —

The Preparative meeting at Swanzey in their Account inform that they have Nominated William Lawton, and David Earle, to the place of Overseers, and Freetown meeting in their Account likewise inform that they have Nominated George Shove and Adonijah Upton to the same place which after being weightily consider'd they are Appointed to that place for the Year Ensuing — The Committee that was Appointed to attend the burials of deceased Friends reported that the time for which they were Appointed, is expired, Whereupon Nathan Chace, Benjamin Earle, Theophilus Shove, Asa Chace, George Shove, and Josiah Woodwin are appointed to that service, for the Year ensuing — It appearing to this meeting that Elijah Cornell is remov'd within the Verge of Hudson monthly meeting, and requested our Certificate, and one being prepared in this meeting on his behalf and signed by the Clerk. Daniel Brayton is Appointed to forward the same, to the place directed — The time for which the Auditt for this meeting was Appointed is expir'd, Whereupon they are reappointed for the Year Ensuing (namely) Adonijah Upton David Earle, and Daniel Brayt

Received the following (Vizt) Somerset 1st of 10 mo 1804 — Then Auditted accompts with the Monthly meetings Treasurer and their remains a balance due to him of Twelve Dollars Eightytwo Cents — —

Daniel Brayton
Adonijah Upton —

The Committee that had the matter in charge, respecting subscriptions for the building a meeting house at Greenwich, reported that they had attended thereto, and that Fifty Dollars, and twenty five Cent was Subscribed —

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 15th 11 mo 1804 — The Representatives from the Preparative meetings are, for Swanzey [illegible] Chace, for [illegible] Chace, for Freetown [illegible] Shove and George Shove, all present except George Shove. [illegible] Representatives [illegible] appointed to attend the [illegible] Quarterly meeting [illegible] that they all attended —

[illegible] Preparative meeting in their account inform that [illegible] about to remove himself and family within the [illegible] of [illegible] monthly meeting and request a Certificate for that purpose. Therefore William [illegible] Shove and [illegible] are appointed to take the matter into Consideration, and prepare such Certificate and produce to next meeting if nothing appears to obstruct — Received the following [illegible]

The subject of building a meeting house at [illegible] again under the weighty consideration of this meeting [illegible] Swanzey monthly meeting [illegible] eight hundred Dollars [illegible] building the same [illegible] monthly meeting [illegible] any sum [illegible] for that purpose [illegible] And the Clerk is requested to forward to each Monthly meeting a Copy of this Minute —

Extracted from the minutes of our Quarterly meeting held at Providence 13th of 10 mo 1804 —

By Obadiah Williams Clk —

Wherefore Benjamin [illegible] Shove [illegible] Chace and [illegible] Shove, are appointed to take [illegible] Friends for that purpose and to report at a Monthly meeting in the [illegible] month next —

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 3rd 12 mth 1804 — Accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives their names are, for Swanzey Benjamin Buffinton and Jonathan Earle for Freetown Theophilus Shove and Adonijah Upton all present George Chase at this time gave satisfactory reasons for his absence at last meeting — the friends in care of the matter respecting James Law's removal not being ready to report are continued therein to report at next meeting — The Overseers of the poor presented the following Account (to wit) To the monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 3rd of 12 mth 1804 — We have Supplied Ruth Mather to the Amount of twenty Dollars up to the 3rd of 11 mth 1804 —

Weston Earl } Overseers of
Reuben Chase } the Poor
Benjamin Slade }

Which is allowed and the Treasurer be directed to discharge the same Daniel Earle and Nathan Chase are appointed to prepare Hay and Wood for the Use of the Quarterly meeting next at this place

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 7th of 1 mth 1805 The Representatives from the preparative meetings by their accounts, are, for Swanzey, Jonathan Earle and Asa Chace for Freetown John Boyce and Adonijah Upton all present, The Queries, with Answers to the first, second and Twelfth were received, from our Preparative meetings and read, from which general answers were Compiled, and directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting by our Representatives, who are, Asa Chace Jonathan Earle and Adonijah Upton — and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this Minute — The Committee on account of James Laws Certificate, not being ready to report are again Continued and desired to report at next Meeting — The Overseers presented the following (to wit) To the monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 7th of 1mo 1805 — We have to inform that Nathaniel Bowditch hath Married out of the good order of Friends who ~~hath~~ way timely precautioned — — —

William Lawton } Overseers —

And after being duly considered it is the result of this meeting that he the sd. Nathaniel Bowdish be disowned a Member thereof who is accordingly and Benjamin Slead is appointed to inform him thereof.

Reuben Chace informed this meeting that he had received of Nantucket Monthly meeting Thirty seven Dollars and fortyfive Cents on account of [illegible] Austin and delivered the same to our Treasurer —

The Committee appointed in the 11th mo. to take Subscriptions of friends toward building a Meeting house at East Greenwich reported that no great has been added thereto since the report of a former Committee Whereupon they are continued to have the care of the matter and to report at a future meeting — Swanzey Preparative meeting in their Account inform that they have forwarded three Dollars and fifty Cents together with what had been forwarded makes out our proportion agreed to be paid in the [illegible] month last to the Treasurer thereof.

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 4th of 2 mo. 1805. The Representatives from the Preparative meetings, in their Accounts, are for Swanzey Reuben Chace and Obed Chace for Freetown George Shove and Benjamin Slead all present except Benjamin Chace. The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting, reported that they all attended, except Obed Chace, who gave satisfactory reasons, to that meeting for his absence and produced the following Extracts Vizt. The subject of Building a Meeting house at East Greenwich coming again before this meeting the Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in their Account informed that they have Subscribed one hundred & Thirty Dollars Swanzey Monthly meeting by their Representatives Seventy Dollars Providence Monthly meeting Three hundred twentyfive Dollars — The [illegible] [illegible] are appointed Benjamin Chace David Buffum Timothy Greene Moses Farnum Joseph Collins Jonathan Chace William Peckham and Jonathan Dennis to Assist Greenwich monthly meeting in fixing on the place for said house and view the plan as they think proper, and Greenwich monthly meeting are desired to proceed to build the house consistent therewith and friends of the several Monthly meetings are requested to forward their Subscriptions to them and make such Additions thereto as they think proper and make report of their proceedings when Accomplished — and Clerk is directed to furnish Each monthly meeting with a Copy of this Minute

— Copy Extracted from the minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly meeting held at Somerset 10th of 5 mo 1805

By Jonathan Dennis Assistant Clk

Whereupon the Committee in care of that matter, are desired to report their progress to our next monthly meeting —

The friends in care of James Laws Certificate not having prepared any are Continued and to report at next meeting —

The Committee Appointed to provide for the Quarterly meeting last held at this place reported that the Expence of sd meeting amounted to Thirteen Dollars and Eighty Cents, which this meeting Allows and our Treasurer is directed to discharge the same —

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey [illegible] of 6 mo 1805 [illegible] Representatives from the preparative meetings [illegible] their Accounts [illegible] Swansey [illegible] Visits for Freetown [illegible] Philip Slade and Benjamin Slade all present — A Epistle from our Friend [illegible] Chamberlain being presented to this meeting was read at this time to our mutual Satisfaction

The Committee in care of the Subscription for building a meeting house at Greenwich, reported that they have made some small progress therein but that there was not enough Subscribed to [illegible] out the sum which this meeting agreed to raise. Whereupon each Preparative meeting are desired to raise their proportion of Seventy Dollars and the Clerk is directed to furnish each meeting with a Copy of this minute and the Committee is still continued to have the said Subscription [illegible] and report at next meeting — The Friends in care of James Laws Certificate reported that they had taken the necessary care but they had not prepared any on account of some impediments. Wherefore they are continued to have the care thereof and to report at next meeting

The Overseers presented the following information (which is accepted and is as follows) viz To the monthly meeting held at Somerset for Swansey 4th of 3 Mo 1805 — Whereas Jacob Ball, conterrary to the Established order of Society has married out of the Unity of Friends with one not a

Thereby all their inattention to the dictates of truth he [illegible] the marriage bed which is manifest by his wife having a Child soon after Marriage, for which deviation and reprehensible Conduct he has been labored with —

William Lawton }
David Earle } Overseers

And he producing a paper Condemning his sd conduct Thereupon Job Buffinton and Daniel Brayton are Appointed to treat with him on the subject endeavouring to discover his sincerity therein and to report at next meeting —

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 1st of 4th mo. 1805 — Accounts from the Preparative meetings being received, the Representatives therein named are for Swanzey Benjamin Earle and Moses Buffinton, for Freetown Abraham Shove and John Boyce, all present — The Queries were read in this meeting, and Answers thereto from the several preparative meetings, from which general Answers were Compiled, and with an Account forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting by John Chace William Lawton and Theophilus Shove, whom we Appoint to attend sd meeting as Representatives — We Appoint John Chace to draw out of the Quarterly meetings Treasury, the Sum of thirteen Dollars and Eighty Cents, which was expended for the Use of sd meeting held at this place in the first month last, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this Entry

This meeting directs our Treasurer to remit to the Yearly meeting meetings Treasurer, Fourteen Dollars, our proportion of sd meetings stock

Swanzey preparative meeting hath forwarded to this fifteen Dollars and fifty Cents their proportion of Seventy dollars agreed on in this meeting and Freetown preparative meeting Ten dollars toward their proportion and the Representatives to the Quarterly meeting are directed to forward to East Greenwich monthly meeting the above sum together with the addition of Seven Dollars and fifty Cents

The Committee appointed to prepare a removal Certificate for Amos Law and Family presented one, which being read, and after some amendments was directed to be signed by the Clerk, and Joseph Buffinton is Appointed to forward the same to the place directed, and report to this Meeting —

The Committee in care of Taunton meeting, made the following report, which is accepted and is as followeth (Viz) [illegible] Committee in care of Taunton meeting, have most of us attended the same and think it [illegible] been reputably kept up [illegible] of the meeting being Continued there under the care of a Committee —

Signed on behalf of the Committee
31st of 3 Mo 1805 } —
Benjamin Buffinton }
Abigail Lawton }

And a meeting is granted there Accordingly under the care of the former Committee they to report in the fourth month next, or sooner if Occasion require The friends appointed to treat with Jacob Ball not being ready to report are again Continued for that service And to report at next meeting and Weston Earle is added to the Committee — — Freetown preparative meeting presented the following information (Viz)

To the preparative meeting of Friends }
held at Freetown 27th of 3 mo 1805 } We have to inform that Enoch Borce has Married out from amongst friends to a woman not of our Society he having been timely precautioned

George Shove } Overseers
Adonijah Upton }

Whereupon Asa Chace, Benjamin Slade, and Theophilus Shove are Appointed to treat with him; indeavouring to convince him of his Misconduct, and report to our next Meeting —

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset Swanzey [illegible]th of 5th mo 1805 — Received accounts from the Preparative meetings and the Representatives therein named are, for Swanzey Obed Earle and Reuben Chace, for Freetown Azariah Shove and Adonijah Upton, all present — The Representatives to last Quarterly meeting, reported that they all attended agreeable to appointment The Committee respecting the case of Jacob Ball, not being ready to report are again Continued, and desired to report at next meeting — The friends appointed at last meeting, to treat with Enoch Borce not being ready to report are again continued, and desired to report at next meeting — The Overseers of Swanzey Preparative meeting Presented the following information (Viz) which is Accepted and is as follows (Viz) Whereas Darius Chace has Married out from amongst friends has almost wholly neglected the attendance of our religious meetings and has paid a fine on the account of training. Whereupon some labour has

has been refused, and he appears not in a disposition to Condemn his outgoings
6th of 5th mo 1805 —

David Earle
William Lawton } Overseers

Whereupon he the said Darius Chace is denyed Membership from among us untill he by a Circumspect walking manifest a sincere [illegible] and Daniel Brayton is appointed to inform him of the Judgment of this meeting, and shew him his right of Appeal — Swanzey Preparative meeting by their Representatives acquainted this meeting, that they had Nominated Joseph Buffinton to the place of an Overseer, which meeting the Approbation of this meeting, he is appointed to that place accordingly. John Chace reported that agreeable to the direction of our last meeting he had received of the Quarterly meetings Treasurer the sum specifyed in sd minute and has paid unto Greenwich monthly meeting Seven Dollars and fifty Cents, and has presented the remainder at this time, being Six Dollars and thirty Cents, which this meeting directs to be forwarded to our Treasurer — Received the following receipts

Providence 4mo 10th 1805 — Received of Benjamin Slade fourteen Dollars by the hand of John Chace from Swanzey monthly meeting for the Yearly meetings Stock — Caleb Greene Treasurer —

4th mo 11th 1805 — Received of Swanzey monthly meeting by the hand of John Chace, towards Greenwich meeting House Seventy Dollars

Nathan Green

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Swanzey the 3d of 6th mo 1805 — The Accounts from the Preparative meetings were presented & the Representatives therein named are for Swanzey Benjamin Buffinton & Joseph Buffinton [illegible] George Shove all present. The Clerk informed this meeting that the time for which he was Appointed is expired. Whereupon William Lawton Benjamin Buffinton, and George Shove, are Appointed to Consider of a suitable friend to serve as Clerk with an Assistant, and confer with them, and report their names to next meeting and Daniel Brayton is appointed Clerk for the day — A Certificate from Smithfield monthly meeting on behalf of George Crane being presented was read and being accepted by this meeting, and directed to be handed to the Register in order to be recorded —

The Committee that was Appointed to treat with Jacob Ball's [illegible] Report as follows, viz We the Committee [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with him, agreeable to appointment and he Appears measurably sensible of his misconduct & as willing to Condemn the same — [illegible] 3d of 6 mo 1805 —

Moses Buffinton }
Weston Chace } Committee
Daniel Brayton }

Which is accepted and a paper of Acknowledgment from him being read in this meeting he is desired to read or cause the same to be read at the close of a meeting at Taunton on [illegible] [illegible] which to be received for satisfaction, but a concern arising in the women's meeting respecting the matter the same is refd to next meeting Accordingly

The Committee appointed to treat with Enoch Boyce made the following report viz We your Committee have had a some Opportunities with Enoch Boyce and he appears in a good degree sensible of ~~the~~ his misconduct —

Somerset 3d of 6mo 1805 }

Asa Chace }
Benjamin Chace } Committee
Theophilus Shove }

Which is Accepted and a paper of Acknowledgment from him being read in this meeting the same is refd to next meeting by request of the womens meeting —

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 1st of 7th mo 1805, Received accounts from the several preparative meetings, and the Representatives therein named are for Swanzey Moses Buffinton and Eber Slade, for Freetown, Theophilus Shove and Adonijah Upton, all present the friends appointed at last meeting to consider of a suitable ~~to~~ friend to serve as Clerk, also an Assistant reported that they had attended thereto and nominated Daniel Brayton Clerk, and Joseph Buffinton Assistant, which ~~meeting~~ this meeting concurs with, and they are appointed accordingly for the Year Insueing —

The matter refer'd at last meeting, respecting the case of Enoch Boyce, coming again before this meeting and the women's meeting informing that they had considered the same and had left the subject, for this meeting to dispose of. Thereupon his paper of acknowledgment is received for satisfaction

The Case of Jacob Balls 2, being again considered in this meeting and the women's meeting informing that they had left the ~~xx~~ matter to this meetings disposals, but ~~not~~ Notwithstanding think it may be safest to refer the same to next meeting, which is Accordingly —

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 5th of 8th Month 1805 — received Accounts from the several Preparative meetings, and the Representatives therein named are for Swanzey, Stephen Chace and Benjamin Slade, for Freetown, Abraham Shove and George Shove, all present — We received Answers to the first Second and twelfth Queries from our Preparative meetings which ~~together~~ were read in this from which general Answers were Composed and directed to be forwarded to the next Quarterly meeting by our Representatives, who are John Chace David Earle, and Abraham Shove, and the Clerk is desired to furnish them with a Copy of this minute, The Case of Jacob Balls 2 referred from last meeting being again revived in this, and the Clerk informing that his paper of Acknowledgment had got mislaid and that he ~~who~~ had search'd the papers belonging to the meeting and ~~was~~ could not find it, Whereupon the matter is referred to next meeting George Shove and Daniel Brayton, are Appointed, to further search and if not found to procure a Similar paper from him —

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Swanzey for Swanzey 2 of 9th mo 1805 — The Representatives from the Preparative meetings by their Accounts are for Swanzey Nathan Chace and Jonathan Chace for Freetown Josiah Shove and Theophilus Shove, all present — The friends Appointed at last meeting respecting the paper Containing Jacob Balls Acknowledgment informed that it was found and has been read agreeable to the Conclusion of this meeting in a former minute

The Representatives Appointed to Attend our last Quarterly Meeting report that they All attended —

Ichabod Chace forwarded to this Meeting an Acknowledgment, in writing, respecting some misconduct of his Years past, Whereupon Adonijah Upton, Benjamin Slade, Daniel Brayton, and John Chace are Appointed to treat with him, on the Subject, endeavouring to discover his Sincerity therein and report at next meeting — It Appearing Necessary to this meeting that a new Arraingment take place, between our Preparative meetings, Whereupon Moses Buffinton, George Shove and George Crane, are Appointed to take the Subject into their Consideration and report such Arraingments as appears to them Expedient, at next monthly meeting — Swanzey Preparative meeting by their Representatives forwarded to this meeting thirty seven Dollars & Fifty Cent their proportion of Fifty Dollars Recommended by the meeting which our Treasurer has received —

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 7th of 11th mo 1805 — Accounts from the preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Swanzey Caleb Slade and Peleg Chace for Freetown Edward Shove & Adonijah Upton all present except Peleg Chace for whose absence reasons hath been given — The Queries were read in this meeting, and Answers to the first, Second & twelfth from our several Preparative meetings from which general answers was Compiled and directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are Weston Earle, Adonijah Upton and Daniel Brayton and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute — The Committee that was appointed to treat with Ichabod Chace, reported that they had a Satisfactory opportunity with him, Whereupon his acknowledgment is received for Satisfaction which is as follows Viz.

Somerset 1st of 9th mo 1805 — To the monthly meeting of friends held at Somerset for Swanzey — Beloved Friends, Whereas I some years ago having a Controversy with Zerathmal Bowers, and was advised by Friends to submit the same to Arbitration for settlement which I did not Comply with, but upon deliberate Consideration am more sensible of my Error, and desire friends to pass it by, and receive me under their Christian care & From your friend
Ichabod Chace

The Committee appointed to fix the boundaries between the Preparative meetings, not being ready to report, are continued, and desired to report at our next meeting — Swanzey Preparative meeting forward to this the following information (Vizt)

To the Preparative meeting of friends to be held at Somerset for Swanzey 3 of 10th mo 1805 — These are to inform that Jonathan Dunton having a right in Society has deviated from the principles thereof and brought a reproach on truth, by too freely partaking of Spirituous Liquors even to Intoxication, also giving way to profane swearing, who has been labour'd with —

William Lawton } Overseers
David Earle }

Whereupon Nathan Chace and Benjamin Earle are appointed to labour with him endeavouring to convince him of his outgoings and to report at next meeting — likewise Sd Preparative meeting also forward to this, an information of the misconduct of Caleb Slead Junr which is as follows (Vizt) To the Preparative meeting of friends to be held at Somerset for Swanzey 3 of 10th mo 1805 —

These are to inform that Caleb Slade Junr having a right in Society hath brought a reproach on truth, by Attending a place of Training and Joining with the Company —

William Lawton } Overseers
David Earle }

Whereupon Asa Chace and Benjamin Slade are Appointed to labour with him, endeavouring to Convince him of his Misconduct and to report at our next meeting — Freetown Preparative meeting in their Account inform that Joseph Shove, was about to remove within the Verge of Rhode Island monthly meeting & requests a removeal Certificate for himself and Son Anthony Whereupon Abraham Shove and Adonijah Upton are Appointed to prepare such Certificate and present at our next meeting if nothing appear to Obstruct —

The time for which the Overseers of the Poor was Appointed is now up. Whereupon the meeting taking the matter into Consideration, do reappoint the same friends to that service the Ensuing year, Namely Theophilus Shove, Benjamin Slead, Reuben Chace, Azariah Shove and ~~[illegible]~~ Weston [illegible] — The time for which the Overseers was Appointed is now Expired, and the Subject being solidly considered in this meeting, ~~thank~~ Do reappoint the same friends to that service the ensuing year namely William Lawton, David Earle, Joseph Buffinton, George Shove & Adonijah Upton

The Committee appointed to attend ~~[illegible]~~ the burials of Deceased friends, being now up Whereupon, Nathan Chace Benjamin Slade, David Earle, Abraham Shove, Adonijah Upton and Eber Slade are Appointed for that service the ensuing Year — The Womens meeting informed this that they had united in the Appointment of Sarah Earle to the Station of an Elder, ~~which~~ ~~def~~ matter was presented for our Approbation and ~~which~~ after being considered the same is referred to next meeting — Received the following (Viz.t) Swanzey 5th of 11th mo 1805 — Then reckoned and Settled with the Monthly meetings Treasurer, and found a balance due from him to the meeting of Twelve Dollars and fortytwo Cents —

Daniel Brayton } Monthly meetings
David Earle } Auditors

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 4th of 11th mo 1805 — The Representatives named in the several Accounts are, for Swanzey, William Lawton and John Robinson, for Freetown Abraham Shove, and Enoch Boyce all present — The Representatives to last Quarterly meeting report that they all attended, and produced the following Extract (Viz.t) The Queries were read and Answers from all the monthly meetings to the first, Second, and Seventh, and a Summary to such Answers, and some weighty and pertinent remarks was made on the negligence in attending our religious meetings, and of the Sleepy disposition therein manifested, and the Representatives are desired to convey this concern to the Respective monthly meetings and they to manifest their care and progress herein to our next Quarterly meeting, and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute — Extracted from the Minutes of a Quarterly meeting held at Providence 10th of 10th Mo 1805 —

By Obadiah Williams Clerk —

And the Subject being considered ~~the same~~ in ~~the~~ this meeting is referred to next monthly meeting — The Representatives likewise presented the following Extract (Viz.t) The Representatives to attend Yearly meeting inform'd that this meeting proportion for Yearly meetings Stock is $156 & the Clerk is directed to furnish Each monthly meeting with a Copy of this minute, and their proportion according to The Scale heretofore agreed on — Extracted from the minutes of our Quarterly meeting held at Portsmouth for Rhode Island the 8th of 8th mo 1805 — By Obadiah Williams Clerk —

Rhode Iſland proportion	$53-66 c
Greenwich ditto	19-97
Swanzey ditto	17-47
	$91-10
	64-90
	$156-00

South Kingstown	$21-22 c
Providence	43-68
	$64-90

This meeting concludes to raiſe $300 as Stock — The preſent Repreſentatives are deſir'd to apportion the Same — They have agree'd on the following —

Rhode Iſland	$104-86
Greenwich	38-74
Swanzey	33-93
South Kingstown	38-46
Providence	84-79
	$300-0-0

Extracted from the Minutes of our Quarterly meeting held at Providence for Rhode Iſland the 10th of 10 mo. 1805

By Obadiah Williams Clk.

Whereupon this meeting concludes to raiſe Seventy Dollars to Supply our Treaſury and the Clerk is directed to furniſh each Preparative meeting with a Copy of this minute —

The matter refer'd ~~[illegible]~~ at last meeting, reſpecting the Appointment of Sarah Earle to the Station of an Elder, coming again before this meeting, and after being Solidly consider'd ~~in this meeting~~ we unite with the womens meeting therein, — The Committee appointed to fix the boundary line, between the Preparative meetings, not being ready to report, are Continued ~~for that~~ and deſir'd to report at our next meeting — The friends appointed to labour with Jonathan Purinton, not being ready to report, they are continued for that service and to report in the fifth month next, or sooner if ready — The Committee appointed to treat with Caleb Slead reſpecting his misconduct, report, that they had paid attention to their Appointment, and had an Opportunity with him, who did not appear in a diſpoſition to Condemn his outgoings Whereupon this meeting denies him right of Memberſhip, and Peleg Chace is appointed to inform him thereof —

The Committee appointed to prepare a Certificate for Joseph Shove and Family, presented one to this meeting, which being read was Approved and Signed by the Clerk and Daniel Brayton is appointed to forward, Sd Certificate to the place directed, and the Clerk is directed to keep a Copy on file — The Overseers presented to this meeting an information of the Misconduct of Samuel Shove 2d which is Accepted and is as follows (Viz)

To the monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swanzey, 4 of 11 mo 1805 — This may inform that Samuel Shove 2d hath married out of the Unity of Friends to a young women a Member of our Society — George Shove
Adonijah Upton } Overseers

Whereupon this meeting denies him right of Membership and Azariah Shove is appointed to inform him thereof. The Auditt to this meeting reported, that the time for which they were Appointed is expired, Whereupon the matter being considered in this meeting, they are reappointed for that service the Ensuing Year —

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 2 of 12 Mo 1805 — Accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are viz — Swanzey Benjamin Slade and Weston Earle for Freetown Azariah Shove and ~~Adonijah~~ Adonijah Upton, all present — The matter referr'd from last meeting respecting what came from last Quarterly meeting being solidly considered at this time and it is the Sence and Judgement of this meeting that agreeable to our Discipline a Committee be appointed, as Visitors in order to visit [illegible] Families, as truth may open the way Whereupon Wm Buffinton, Daniel Brayton, Jonathan Chace, Benjamin Buffinton and Adonijah Upton, are appointed for that Service, who are desired to report, Quarterly —

The Clerk informed this meeting that he had forwarded to the Preparative meetings, Copies of the minute of our last meeting respecting Yearly & Quarterly meeting Stock, agreeable to appointment

Benjamin Earle Acquainted this meeting, that he had placed out his Son John Earle as an Apprentice to a Member of our Society, within the Verge of Nantucket monthly meeting and requested our Certificate, and one being presented was read, Approved and Signed by the Clerk and Daniel Brayton is Appointed to forward sd Certificate to the place directed — this meeting appoints David Earle and Benjamin Slade to prepare hay, Wood &c. for the Use of the Quarterly meeting next, to be held at this place, and to report the expence at a future meeting

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at [illegible] [illegible] the 4th of 1st mo 1806 — Accounts from the [illegible] Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Jonathan Earle and [illegible] Buffinton for Freetown. Theophilus Shove [illegible] [illegible] all present — Our beloved friend Abel Thomas attended this meeting and produced a Certificate from the monthly meeting of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] State of [illegible] [illegible] 22 of the 8 mo 1805 and endorsed by the Quarterly meeting held at [illegible] [illegible] the 8 mo 1805 Expressive of his being a Minister in good Esteem and of their Unity with his intended Visit [illegible] [illegible] and Gospel labours was Acceptable to us [illegible] our beloved Friend Amos Lee [illegible] [illegible] meeting with a Copy of a Minute from the monthly meeting [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 1805 Expressive of his being a Minister in Esteem and of their Unity with him in [illegible] our abovesaid friend Abel Thomas whose Company and labours of love ~~and~~ was acceptable to us — The London printed Epistle for the Year 1805 was received and Read at this time to our Edification and Comfort — The Queries was read [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Preparative meetings [illegible] the point, Second and Fourth from which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with an Account forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting [illegible] Chace, Joseph Buffinton and Benjamin Shove are appointed to attend sd meeting as our Representatives —

This meeting was informed that the Select meeting was dissatisfied with the Publick appearance of Daniel Brayton in the Ministry which being solidly considered this meeting [illegible] thereof the Womens meeting Uniteing therewith, the same is directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting for their Disposal —

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at [illegible] for Swansey, 3 of 2 mo 1806. The Accounts from the Preparative Meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Swansey Daniel Brayton and Benjamin Earl for [illegible] Edward Shove and John Boyce, all Present —

Our Friend Joseph [illegible] Attended this meeting and produced a Copy of a minute from the Monthly meeting of Friends held at Durham 28 of 11 mo 1805 Expressive of his being a Minister in Unity with them; and of their Concurrence with him in his Religious Visit to these parts, whose Company and Gospel labour was Acceptable to us — Our Friend Joseph Sampson, also Attended this meeting and produced a Copy of a Minute from the Monthly meeting of Friends held at Durham 24 of 12 Mo 1805 Expressive of his being a Member and of their Unity in Accompanying our aforesaid Friend Joseph Dugeat, whose Company was Acceptable to us —

The Representatives to last Quarterly meeting report that they all Attended — The Committee that was appointed to make provision for the Quarterly meeting last held at this place, reports that the Expence thereof was Fourteen Dollars, which is allowed by this meeting and John Chace is Appointed to draw the above sum out of the Quarterly meetings Treasury and forward the same to our Treasurer and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute, and our Treasurer is directed to pay that sum to the Committee Appointed for that purpose — Received of Friends Preparative meetings by the hand of [illegible] Shove [illegible] Dollars and fifty eight Cents

Benjamin Chace Jr Treasurer

3 of 2 mo 1806 —

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Swanzey for Swanzey 3d of 2 mo 1806 — Accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented. The Representatives therein named are, for Swanzey Samuel Chace and Edward David Earl, for Freetown Abenijah Upton and Abraham Shove, all present —

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 7th of 3 mo 1806 — Representatives named in the several Accounts are for Swanzey Benjamin Earle and William Lawton, for Freetown Abraham Shove and Abenijah Upton all present except Abenijah Upton, a friend informing that his absence is occasioned by indisposition of body which is satisfactory — The Queries was read in this meeting and answers from our several preparative meetings, from which general answers was compiled and directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting by Benjamin Slade, Oliver Earle and John Chase whom we appoint to attend said meetings as Representatives, and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute. This meeting has directed our Treasurer to pay to the yearly and Quarterly meetings Treasurer our proportion of Stock ...

The Committee appointed to visit friends Families reported that they had paid Attention thereto and visited most of them who are desired to Compleat their service, as truth may open the way —

The Committee that has the care of Taunton meeting made the following report (Viz) We your Committee in care of Taunton meeting have most of us attended the same and nothing appears but what it hath been kept up to a degree of Satisfaction ...

Signed on behalf of the Committee
By William Lawton
Sarah Earle —

Whereupon the former Committee is Continued to have the care of sd meeting untill the Eighth month next they then to report or sooner if occasion require and Abner Lincoln is added to the Committee

This meeting received a few lines from Antipass Chase expressive of his desire to be received into Unity with friends himself & receive his children into membership. Whereupon Benjamin Buffinton and Benjamin Earle are appointed to visit him on the occasion endeavouring to inform his sincerity therein and to report at next meeting —

Abraham Chase informed this meeting that he was about to reside within the verge of Acoakset monthly meeting during this season and requests a Copy of a minute from this meeting. these are to Certify in his behalf that he is a member of this meeting and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this Minute —

The Committee appointed to report a division line between our Preparative Meetings. having considered the subject, report the following (Viz.) beginning at the Northeast corner bounds of the Township of Troy which bounds are in the line between Bedford monthly meeting and ours, from thence Westerly in the line between said Troy and Freetown to Taunton great River, thence Northerly up said River untill it comes to little river (so called) which river is part of the boundary line between Taunton and Dighton, thence Northerly and Westerly in said line to Rehoboth, from thence Northerly and Westerly in the line that divides said Rehoboth from Taunton and Attlebury untill it comes to the line between Providence monthly meeting and Ours — All to the Westward and southward of said line to belong to Swanzey Preparative meeting and all to the Eastward and Northward to Freetown —

George Shove }
Moses Buffinton } Committee
George Crane }

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 5th of 5th Mo. 1806 — The Representatives named in the Several Accounts, are for Swanzey Gedeon Chase, and Oliver Chase for Freetown Edward Shove and John Boyce, all present —

The Representatives Appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all Attended — The Committee that was appointed to Visit Antipas Chase respecting the Sincerity of his being restored into Unity with friends and his request for his Children, made the following report (Visit) We the Committee in the Case of Antipas Chase's request for himself and Children, have had an Opportunity with him and them to a degree of Satisfaction and believe him to be sincere in his request also his sd. Children suitable to be received under friends care for aught appears

Signed on behalf of the Committee By { Benjamin Case
Lydia Shove

and he the said Antipas Chase is received into Membership with us and his Children, Namely, Joseph Chase, Bailes Chase, Debgrah, Nabby, Lorany and Loisa Chase (the womens meeting concurring therewith) and Moses Buffinton is appointed to record this Acknowledgement

The Overseers of the poor informed this meeting, that they had assisted the poor to the amount of two Dollars, which this meeting directs our Treasurer to discharge — Providence 4th mo 9th 1806 —

Received of Benjamin Slade Seventeen Dollars fifty seven Cents, Swanzey monthly meeting proportion of the Yearly meeting Stock

Caleb Green Treasurer —

Providence 4 mo 9th 1806 —
Received of Swanzey monthly meeting by the hand of Benjamin Slade, Thirty three Dollars, and ninety three Cents, for Quarterly meeting Stock, order'd in 10th mo last —

David Anthony Quarterly meetings
Treasurer —

Providence 4 mo 9th 1806 —
Then received of John Chase by the hand of David Anthony of Providence Fourteen Dollars, —

Benjamin Slade Treasurer —

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 2d of 6th mo 1806 — Accounts from the Preparative Meetings being presented the Representatives therein named, are for Swanzey Joseph Buffinton and Eber Slade for Freetown Theophilus Shove and George Shove, all present —

The Committee that was Appointed to treat with Jonathan Purinton respecting his misconduct not being ready to report, at this time are Continued for that service and to report at next monthly meeting —

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 7th of 7th mth 1806 — The Representatives named in the Several Accounts are for Swanzey Benjamin Buffinton and David Earle for Freetown Abraham Shove & Azariah Shove all present

The Clerk informed that the time of his Appointment was ~~expired~~ expired Whereupon the Representatives are desired to take the Subject into their Consideration and confer with some suitable person for that place and report his name to next meeting also an Assistant —

The Committee continued at last month to treat with Jonathan Purrington not being ready to report at this time they are again continued for that service and to report at our next meeting — Moses Buffinton is added to the Committee — — Received a Certificate on behalf of Joseph Earle from Uxbridge monthly meeting which was read, accepted, and directed to be recorded —

This meeting agrees to raise the Sum of Thirty Dollars to supply our Treasurer, and each preparative meeting is desired to raise their proportion thereof and forward to our Treasurer and the Clerk is directed to forward each preparative meeting a Copy of this minute —

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 4 of 8th mo. 1806 — The Representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swanzey David Earle and Joseph Buffinton, for Freetown Theophilus Shove and Enoch Boyce all present —

The matter that was left in charge with the Representatives at last month respecting a Clerk and Assistant, they reporting that they attended to that service and Nominated Daniel Brayton Clerk and Joseph Buffinton Assistant, which meeting the Approbation of this meeting, they are appointed accordingly for the Ensuing Year — The Queries was read in this meeting and answers to the first, second, and twelfth from our Several Preparative meetings from which general answers was Compiled and directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting by Joseph Buffinton, Benjamin Slade and Theophilus Shove, whom we appoint to Attend the meeting as Representatives — and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this Minute —

One of the Members of the Select meeting inform'd this ~~meeting~~ that they was United in proposing David Earle to the place of an Elder — and after being consider'd in this meeting the same is refer'd to our next meeting for further Consideration — The Committee continued at last month to treat with Jonathan Purinton, not being ready to report, are again continued for that service, and desired to report at our next meeting —

The Committee in care of Taunton meeting made the following report (Viz)

Your Committee in care of Taunton meeting report, that most of us have attended it at different times, and have to inform that the meeting has been kept up to some degree of Satisfaction —

~~[illegible]~~
Signed on behalf of the Committee
By Benjamin Buffinton
[illegible] Earle

Swanzy 4th of 5 mo. 180[illegible]

Whereupon said meeting is continued as heretofore, and this meeting upon weighty consideration of the Subject propose a new choice of a Committee Whereupon David Earle, Adoniah Upton, William Lawton, Theophilus Shove and Joseph Buffinton are appointed to take the care of said meeting, and to report at ~~next Quarterly meeting~~ the monthly meeting preceeding the Quarter.

The Visitors reported as follows (Viz)

We have agreeable to Appointment continued our Visit to friends Families (since our last Quarter) tho have not got through, and have had to experience some trying seasons in the course of our passing along, Yet at other times got some relief believing things were pretty well and have gratefully to acknowledge the Condescention of divine regard, which has afforded a degree of Satisfaction and Consolation

Signed on behalf of the Committee
By Moses Buffinton

Which is Accepted, and they Continued to proceed in their Visit as truth may Open the way —

Swanzy Preparative meeting in their Account inform that William Slade proposes to offer his intention of Marriage with Phebe Lawton at the ensuing monthly meeting, who accordingly appeared in this meeting and expressed their intentions of taking each other in Marriage, which was taken Notice of, and they are desired to appear at our next meeting for an Answer. Weston Earle and Benjamin Slade are Appointed to inquire into his clearness respecting Marriage, and to report at our next meeting, likewise said meeting informs that Anthony Chase proposes to offer his intention of Marriage with Isabel Buffinton at the ensuing monthly meeting, who accordingly appeared and expressed their intention of taking each other in Marriage

Which was taken notice of and they are desired to appear at our next meeting for an Answer, and Wilson Earle and Benjamin Slade are Appointed to inquire into his clearness of Marriage, and to report at our next meeting —

The Committee named some months past to fix an Apportionment between Preparative meetings, made the following report, (viz) which is Accepted and is as follows —

Apportionment, Supposing the Sum to be $50

Swanzey Preparative meeting to pay	$ 31 - 25 Cents
Freetown Preparative meeting to pay	18 - 75
	$ 50 00

And in that proportion for any other Sum

George Shove
Adonijah Upton
Gideon Chase
Reuben Chase
Oliver Chase
Benjamin Slade

The Clerk inform'd that he had Supply'd each Preparative meeting with a Copy of a minute of our last meeting, respecting raising Stock to Supply our Treasurer —

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 1st of 9th mo. 1806 — Representatives named in the Several Accounts are for Swanzey Gideon Chase and Stephen Chase for Freetown Nathan Shaw and David Shaw present —

The Representatives to last Quarterly meeting report that they all attended and brought the following Extract (viz)

Extract from the Yearly Meeting —

The Committee on General Revision made the following proposal for an alteration in our discipline — — Agreed for Initiating Convinced persons into Membership with us — That they appear at a Preparative meeting, when Circumstances will admit of it, and request to come under the care of Friends, and if the preparative meeting approve the same that they Acquaint the monthly meeting thereof — Which is Substituted "instead of the forepart of the minute of 1760 — page 21 — ending with the words "to be taken under friends care" — They further propose that the following minute be Substituted instead of the minute of 1772 page 64 —

It is our sense and judgment that it is improper for Brothers Children Sisters Children, half Brothers Children or half Sisters Children to marry together or any nearer than a first Cousins Children and if any notwithstanding shall procee proceed to marry nearer than a first Cousins Child, being previously cautioned and advised against it; that the monthly meeting where such belong give forth a Public testimony against them; and not to receive such into Unity again untill such meetings are well Assured that they have found a place of Sincere repentance and are received into the Truth — Which after Solid Consideration is with the preceding proposal united with and they are directed to be inserted in all our books of Discipline the former under the head convinced persons and the latter under the head Marriage — It is concluded that Rhode Island Quarter have liberty to alter the times of holding their Quarterly meetings and at such place as they may agree upon for the Ensuing year and that they make report of their conclusion for this meetings direction next Year —

This meeting hath approved of the line of division between Rhode Island and Smithfield Quarterly Meetings, as proposed by Smithfield Quarterly meeting

This meeting concludes to raise 700 Dollars the ensuing Year Rhode Island Quarterly meeting is desired to forward $180 their proportion thereof to our Treasurer and an Account to our next Yearly meeting — Extracts from the minutes of our Yearly meeting held on Rhode Island by adjournments from the 15 to the 18th of 6 mo 1806 —

Obadiah Davis Clerk

Extracted from the minutes of a Quarterly meeting held at Portsmouth for Rhode Island the 7th of 8th mo 1806 —

The Representatives to attend the Yearly meeting brought down several Extracts from that meetings minutes those that are directed to be inserted in our books of Discipline the monthly meetings are desired to see Accomplished, also an Epistle which was read to our Edification, the Representatives are ~~directed~~ desired to take Copies of the same to the several monthly meetings, and have them solidly read both in mens and womens meetings — The proposal from South Kingstown referred from last Quarter, respecting the holding our Quarterly meetings; coming again under Consideration and having the liberty of the Yearly meeting for that purpose concludes to hold them as follows, Viz: on the first sixth day in the 11th 2nd 5th and 8th Months, at Somerset in the 11th mo at Providence in the 2 mo at Greenwich in the 5th mo and at Portsmouth in the 8 mo — The Select meeting to begin the day before as usual — The Clerk is directed to furnish each monthly meeting with a Copy of the Yearly meeting Epistle the Extract from that and such of this meetings minutes as may be Necessary and Apportion the Yearly meeting Stock According to the last Agreement

Proportioned to	Rhode Island	$ 62-46
	Greenwich	23-32
	Swanzey	20-36
	South Kingstown	23-80
	Providence	[illegible]0-88

On behalf of the meeting By Obadiah Williams Clerk —

Which was read in this meeting and that part which is directed to be inserted in our books of Diſcipline the Clerk is directed to see Accompliſhed —

The Women presented an Epistle from the Yearly meeting, which was read in this meeting to our Edification and Comfort —

The matter referd at our last meeting reſpecting the Appointment of David Earle to the Station of an Elder is again referd to next meeting

The Committee continued at last meeting to treat with Jonathan Buffinton not being ready to report, they are again continued for that Service, and deſired to report at next meeting —

Swanzey Preparative meeting in their Account informed ~~that~~ Stephen Cornell Appeared in their meeting and requested to be under the care of this meeting he likewise appeared in this meeting and continued his request Whereupon Moses Buffinton and Daniel Brayton are Appointed to take a Solid Opportunity with him Endeavouring to diſcover his ſincerity therein, and report at our next meeting —

William Slade and Phebe Lawton, and Anthony Chase and Isabel Buffinton Appeared in this meeting and continued their intention of Marriage, and nothing appearing to obſtruct, they are adviſed to accompliſh the same, according to the order of Friends, and Benjamin Slade and David Earles are Appointed to see Said Marriages decently Conſummated and report at next meeting —

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanzey 6th of 10th mo 1806 — Received Accounts from the Several preparative meetings, and the Repreſentatives therein named are for Swanzey Jonathan Earle and Benjamin Buffinton for Freetown Theophilus Shove and Josiah Woodward all preſent —

The Committee Appointed at laſt meeting to take an Opportunity with Stephen Cornell reſpecting his requeſt to be taken under friends care, made the following report (viz) — Agreeable to Appointment we have had a Solid Opportunity with Stephen Cornell to satisfaction believing that he is Sincere — Signed by the Committee

Moſes Buffinton
Daniel Brayton

Which is accepted and he the Said Stephen Cornell is received into Memberſhip with Us —

The matter refer'd at last meeting respecting the Appointment of David Earle to the station of an Elder is again refer'd to next meeting. The Committee continued at last meeting to treat with Jonathan Purrington not being ready to report at this time are again Continued for that service and report at next meeting — The friends Appointed at last meeting to attend the Marriages of William Slade and Phebe Lawton, and Anthony Chase and Susannah Buffinton, reported that nothing Appeared but that they was decently Accomplished. Swanzey preparative meeting in their Account informed that Oliver Chace 2d requested to be taken under friends care. Whereupon Benjamin Earle and Adonijah Upton are Appointed to take an Opportunity with him endeavouring to discover his sincerity therein and to report at next meeting — — It appearing to this meeting that the time for which the overseers was appointed is expired Whereupon the preparative meetings are desired to Nominate some suitable friends to supply that place, and forward their names to next Monthly meeting, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the meetings with a copy of this minute — The Committee appointed to attend the Burials of deceased friends being now expired, Whereupon this meeting reappoints the same friends to that service the ensuing Year; (namely Nathan Chace, Benjamin Slade, David Earle, Abraham Shove, Adonijah Upton, and Eber Slade with the addition of Josiah Woodward) — Benjamin Earle, Jonathan Earle and Asa Chace are Appointed to prepare hay wood &c for the use of the Quarterly meeting next to be held at this place, and report the Expence at a future meeting —

6th of 7 mo 1806 — Received of Freetown preparative meeting by the hands of Josiah Woodward and Adonijah Upton Eighteen Dollars and twentyfive Cents —

Benjamin Slade Treasurer

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 23 of 11 mo 1806 — Accounts from the Preparative meetings being presented the Representatives therein named are for Swanzey Peleg Chace and Antipas Chace for Freetown Abraham Shove and Adonijah Upton all present —

The Subject refer'd at last meeting respecting the Appointment of David Earle to the place of an Elder is again refer'd to next meeting

The Queries was read in this meeting and Answers to the 1st 2d & 12th from our several preparative meetings, from which general Answers was Compiled and directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting by William Lawton Asa Chace & David Earle, whom we Appoint to attend sd meeting as our Representatives, & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute — — The Committee continued at last month to treat with Jonathan Purinton not being ready to report are again Continued for that service, and desired to report at next Meeting.

The Committee that was Appointed to take an Opportunity with Oliver Chace 2d Respecting his request to be taken under friends care not being ready to report are continued for that service and desired to report at next meeting — Freetown Preparative meeting in their Account inform this Meeting that they had nominated George Shove and Adonijah Upton to the place of Overseers, which is refer'd to our next meeting for Consideration —

The Committee in care of Taunton Meeting verbally reported that Some of them had attended that meeting and nothing appear'd, but that sd meeting was reputably kept up and thought well of the meetings being Continued as heretofore which is Accordingly under the care of the former Committee they to report respecting the meeting the monthly meeting preceding the Quarter —

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey [illegible] of 12 mo 1806 — Received Accounts from the several Preparative meetings and the Representatives therein named are for Swanzey Jonathan Chace and Eber [illegible] are for Freetown Isaac Woodward and Adonijah Upton all present — The Subject refer'd at last meeting respecting the Appointment of David Earle to the station of an Elder coming again before this meeting which being weighed and considered he is appointed to that place accordingly having the concurrence of the womens meeting therein and the same is directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting for their disposal

The Representatives to last Quarterly meeting reported that they all Attended agreeable to Appointment —

The Committee appointed to take an Opportunity with Oliver Chace 2d respecting his request to be taken under friends care made the following report (viz) We the Committee in Consequence of Oliver Chace's request have had an Opportunity with him to a degree of Satisfaction have not discover'd but that he is sincere in his request —

Swanzey the 1st of the 12 mo 1806 } Adonijah Upton
Benjamin Earle

Whereupon the above report being Satisfactory to this meeting he is received into Membership with Us —

The Committee appointed to treat with Jonathan Purinton inform that they have paid some Attention to the subject but not Sufficient to make report Whereupon they are Continued for that service and desired to report at next meeting — — The matter brought from Freetown Preparative meeting at last month respecting the Nomination of Adonijah Upton and George Chace to the place of Overseers meeting the Approbation of this meeting they are Appointed to that place Accordingly for the Ensuing Year —

Received the following Account which is accepted and is as follows (viz)

To the Monthly meeting of friends held at Somerset 1st of 12 mo 1806

We have forwarded to Nantucket Monthly meeting thirty two Dollars for the Support of Phebe Austin $32—0
and have Assisted other poor friends to the amount of — 3—8
$35—8 —

Reuben Chace
Benjamin Slade } Overseers of the Poor —
Weston Earle

Whereupon our Treasurer is directed to pay the above Sum —

Received the following receipt (viz) 23d of 11 mo 1806 Received of Swanzey Preparative meeting by the hand of Weston Earle Fifty two Dollars & fifty Cents — Benjamin Slade Treasurer —

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Swanzey for Swanzey 5th of 1st mo 1807 — The Representatives named in the Several Accounts are for Swanzey Benjamin Slade and Jonathan Earle, for Freetown Theophilus Shove and Abner Lincoln, all present — The Committee in care of the case of Jonathan Purinton, made report as follows

We have had repeated opportunities with Jonathan Purinton, in consequence of our Appointment and he appears to have little or no desire to make friends Satisfaction, especially at our last Opportunity with him

Moses Buffinton
Benjamin Earle

Which is accepted Whereupon this meeting denies him the said Jonathan Purinton right of Membership, untill by amendment of Life he manifest a sincere return and John Chace is appointed to inform him of his denial and right of Appeal — Swanzey Preparative meeting in their Account informed this, that they had Nominated Benjamin Slade ~~an~~ Jonathan Earle and Joseph G. Buffinton to the place of overseers which being considered in this meeting, the Subject is referred to next for further Consideration — — The London printed Epistle for the Year 1806 was read at this time to our Edification — The Committee appointed to make provision for ~~the~~ our Quarterly meeting, last held, at this place produced an Account, to the Amount of fourteen Dollars, which is allowed, and our Treasurer is directed to pay the above sum and to draw upon the Quarterly meetings Treasurer for the same and the Clerk is directed to furnish our Treasurer with a Copy of this minute The time for which the Auditt for this meeting was appointed expired Whereupon David Earle Abraham Shove and Benjamin Earle are Appointed for that service the Ensuing year —

Received of Swanzey Preparative meeting by the hand of David Earle Thirty one Dollars and Twenty five Cents

Benjamin Slade Treasurer

5th of 1st mo 1807

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 9 of 2 mo 1807. The Representatives named in the several Accounts are for Swanzey Reuben Chace and Robinson Buffinton, for Freetown Edward Shove and John Buffinton all present

The Queries were read in this meeting and Answers to the 1st, 2d, 9th and Twelfth, from which a Summary was Compiled and directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting with an Account by Peleg Chace, Benjamin Earle and Abraham Shove whom we appoint to attend said meeting as our Representatives — The matter referr'd at last meeting respecting the nomination of Benjamin Slade, Jonathan Earle and Joseph Buffinton to the place of Overseers, after being weightily Consider'd in this meeting, is again referr'd to next meeting

The Committee in care of Taunton meeting made the following report, which is accepted and is as follows (viz)

We your Committee in care of the meeting at Taunton have attended to our Appointment, and it appears that it hath been kept up to a good degree of Satisfaction —

Signed on behalf of the Committee

2 of 2 mo 1807 By William Lawton
Sarah Earle —

The above report being satisfactory to this meeting, that meeting is continued as heretofore, under the care of the former Committee, they to report at the Monthly meeting preceeding our next Quarterly meeting, — Swanzey preparative meeting in their Account informs that Palmer Chace appeared in their meeting and requested to be taken under the care of Friends, who accordingly appeared in this, and continued his request. Whereupon David Brayton and Benjamin Slade are appointed to take an opportunity with him, Endeavouring to discover his sincerity therein and report at next meeting — This meeting agrees to raise the Sum of Twenty five Dollars to supply our Treasury. Whereupon each Preparative meeting are desired to raise their proportion thereof and forward it to our Treasurer, and the Clerk is directed to furnish each preparative meeting with a Copy of this minute

Our Friend Benjamin Buffinton inform'd this meeting that he hath for some time had a prospect on his mind of paying a religious visit to some parts of Smithfield Quarterly meeting he being a Member of our meeting and a Minister in Esteem this meeting Unites therewith and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute —

Our Friend Daniel Brayton inform'd this meeting that he feels a freedom to accompany Benjamin Buffinton in his intended visit he being a Member of our meeting and a Minister in Esteem this meeting Unites therewith and the Assistant Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute —

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Swanzey for Swanzey 2 of 3 mo.th 1807 — The Representatives named in the several Accounts are for Swanzey Weston Earle and Anthony Chace for Troy Theophilus Chace and Benjamin [illegible] upon all present — The Representatives appointed to attend the last Quarterly meeting inform'd that they all attended that meeting — The matter respecting the Nomination of overseers refer'd at our last meeting to this for consideration, was now taken up and several friends expressing their Unity therewith, they are thereupon appointed to that service for the Year ensuing — The Committee appointed to take an Opportunity with Palmer Chace respecting his request to be taken under friends care made the following report which is received and is as followeth — Agreeable to appointment we have had an Opportunity with Palmer Chace respecting his request to be taken under friends care and have not discovered but that his motives are sincere

Daniel Brayton }
Benjamin Chace } Committee

Whereupon he the said Palmer Chace is received into Membership with Us —

Swanzey Preparative meeting inform'd that Peleg Chace inform'd them that he was about to remove himself and family within the Verge of Accoaxet monthly meeting & requested a Certificate Whereupon Weston Earle and Oliver Chace are Appointed to prepare one, and present to next meeting if nothing Appears to Obstruct —

Received the following Extract (Viz) Extract from the minutes of our Quarterly Meeting held at Somerset for Rhode Island the 6th of 11 Mo 1806 — It is concluded to raise $200 as Stock for this meeting — The Clerk is directed to proportion the same to the Monthly meetings —

Swanzey Monthly meetings proportion is $22. 62 6

By Obadiah Williams Clerk —

Wherefore our Treasurer is directed to pay the same to the Quarterly meetings Treasurer and report thereof to this meeting —

11/1807 At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey &c 6th 1 mth 1807 — The Representatives named in the several Accounts are for Swanzey David Earle and William Lawton, for Freetown Adonijah Upton and Josiah Woodward all present except Josiah Woodward for whose absence Satisfactory reasons hath been given —

Luther Lincoln appeared in this meeting and [illegible] expressed that he had a desire to be under the care of Friends Whereupon Adonijah Upton and Moses Buffinton are Appointed to take a Solid opportunity with him in order to inform his Sincerity therein and report thereof at our next Meeting

The Committee appointed to prepare a Certificate for Philip Chase and family not being ready at this time they are continued for that Service and desired to report at next Meeting — Swanzey Preparative meeting in their Account inform that Oliver Earle proposes to offer his Intention of Marriage with Hannah Slade at this meeting, who accordingly appeared and expressed their ~~Inter~~ Intentions of taking each other in Marriage, which this meeting note and they desired to appear at our next meeting for an Answer and Philip Chace and Benjamin Buffinton are appointed to inquire into the clearness of the sd Oliver Earle, respecting Marriage and report at next Meeting

This Meeting was informed that [illegible] Buffinton was about to remove himself and Family Within the Verge of Acoaxet Monthly meeting and desired a Certificate for that purpose Whereupon William Lawton and Benjamin Earle are Appointed to prepare one and present to next meeting if Nothing appears to Obstruct —

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey
4th of 5 mo 1807 — The Accounts from the 2d preparative meetings
being presented the Representatives therein Named are for
Swansey William Lawton and Gedion Chace for Freetown
Abraham Shove and Meriah Upton all present —
The Committee appointed at last meeting to take an Opportunity with
Luther Lincoln respecting his request to be taken under friends care make
the following report which being accepted is as follows (viz) We have
had an Opportunity with Luther Lincoln respecting his request to be taken
under the care of friends to a good degree of satisfaction as he appeared
to us to be sincere and his motives therein good — Micah Buffinton }
To the monthly to be held for Swansey Meriah Upton }
4th of 5 mo 1807 —

Whereupon he the said Luther Lincoln is received into Membership
with us — The Queries was read in this meeting and Answers from
our several preparative meetings from which a Summary was Compiled and
with an Account forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting by Jonathan
Earle William Lawton and Benjamin Slade who are appointed to attend
said meeting as our Representatives, by whom we have also forwarded our proportion
for yearly and Quarterly meetings stock — The Committee that had the
care of Taunton meeting made report which is Accepted and is as follows (viz)
We the Committee in regard of Taunton meeting have the most of us
attended said meeting, which has been kept up to a degree of Satisfaction
4th of 5 mo 1807 } Signed in behalf of the Committee William Lawton
Sarah Earle
Whereupon said meeting is continued as heretofore under the care of the former
Committee they to report at the Monthly meeting preceding our next Quarterly meeting
The Committee continued at last month to prepare a Certificate for Seth
Chace, not being ready at this time they are Continued for that service and to
report at next meeting — One of the Committee appointed to Inquire into
the clearness of Marriage of Oliver Earle reported that nothing appeared to
hinder his proceeding and he appearing with Hannah Slade in this meeting
and continued his intention of Marriage Whereupon Micah Buffinton and
David Earle are appointed to see Sd Marriage decently Accomplished
and report at next meeting — The Committee appointed to prepare a Certificate
for Aaron Buffinton not being ready at this time, they are Continued for that
Service and to report at next Meeting —

Abraham Chace being furnished with a Copy of a minute from this meeting in the 4 mo. 1800 to Accoakset monthly meeting he being now returned produced the following indorsement on the back of sd minute (Viz) This meeting was informed that Abraham Chace has returned back to Swanzey monthly meeting and as he is still a Member we have not had his Life and Conversation Under Notice the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute — Extracted from the minutes of a monthly meeting held at Accoakset the 13th of the 4 mo. 1807 —

By Eleazer Baker Clk —

At A Monthly meeting of friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 3d of 6 mo. 1807 — Received Accounts from the Preparative meetings, the Representatives therein Named are, for Swanzey Eber Slade and Joseph Buffinton for Freetown John Boyce and Isaac Woodward all present — The Representatives to last Quarterly meeting reports that they all Attended —

Swanzey Preparative meeting in their Account informs that William Lawton Junr proposes to offer his Intention of Marriage with Sarah Slade at this meeting, who Accordingly appeared and expressed their intention of taking Each other in Marriage, which was Noticed by this meeting, and they desired to Appear at next monthly meeting for an Answer. Wm Joseph Buffinton and Benjamin Slade is appointed to inquire into the clearness of the sd William and to report at next meeting — The Committee appointed to prepare a Certificate for Peleg Chace & Family not being ready at this time they are Continued for that service and to report at next Meeting — Received a Certificate in behalf of Moses Buffinton Junr & his Family from Rhode Island monthly meeting which was read accepted and directed to be recorded — Also received one from said monthly meeting in behalf of Eber Chace and Family which was read accepted and directed to be recorded — The Committee appointed ~~[illegible]~~ to prepare a Certificate for Aaron Buffinton and Family, not being ready at this time they are Continued for that service, and desired to report at next meeting The friends Appointed to attend the Marriage of Oliver Earle and Hannah Slade reported that Said Marriage was decently Accomplished

It appearing to this meeting that the time for which the Overseers of the poor was appointed is expired, Whereupon each Preparative meeting are desired to Nominate some suitable friends for that place and forward their Names to next monthly meeting, and the Clerk is directed to furnish each meeting with a Copy of this Minute —

Providence 5th mo. 6th 1807 — Received of Swanzey monthly meeting Twenty Dollars thirty six Cents by the hand of Benjamin Slade for the Yearly meeting Stock — Caleb Greene Treasurer —

Providence 5 mo. 5th 1807 —

Received of Swanzey monthly meeting by the hand of Benjamin Slade Twentyone Dollars and sixty-two Cents, for Quarterly meeting Stock, order'd in the Year 1806

David Anthony Q.M Treasurer —

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 6th of 7th mo. 1807 — The Representatives named in the several Accounts are for Swanzey Benjamin Earl and Moses Buffinton for Troy Edward Shove and Azariah Shove all present — The Committee appointed to inquire into the clearness of Marriage of William Lawton Junr. reports, that nothing appeared to hinder his proceeding who accordingly appeared with Sarah Slade in this meeting, and continued their intention of Marriage, and Benjamin Earl and Moses Buffinton are appointed to see that said Marriage is decently Accomplished, and report at next Meeting — The Committee continued at last meeting to prepare a Certificate for Peleg Chace and family, not being ready at this time, they are Continued for that service and to report in the ninth month next or sooner if ready — The Committee appointed to prepare a Certificate in behalf of Aaron Buffinton and family not being ready at this time, they are Continued for that service and to report at next meeting — Swanzey Preparative meeting forwarded to this meeting an Information of the misconduct of Edward Chace 3d as follows Dear Friends Edward Chace 3d hath so far disregarded an Established rule of Society as to marry with one not a Member, and the case was so Circumstanced that precaution appeared to be unnecessary when it came to our knowledge —

Benjamin Slade
Jonathan Earl
Joseph Buffinton } Overseers

Whereupon Griffin Earl and Gideon Chace are Appointed to treat with him on the Subject and report the State of his mind at next meeting

The Overseers presented to this meeting an Information of the misconduct of Joseph Earl & Joseph Buddish which is accepted and is as follows (viz)

To the monthly meeting of friends to be held at Somerset for Swanzey 6th of 7th mo 1807 — Dear friends Joseph Earl hath so far disregarded our Testimony as to neglect the attendance of our Religious meetings and also hath attended places of vain Recreation and refuseth to take the advice of his parents in regard to his being placed out as an Apprentice for which Offences he hath been laboured with — Joseph Buffinton
Benjamin Slade } Overseers

Whereupon John Chace Benjamin Earl and Daniel Brayton are Appointed to labour with him endeavouring to convince him of his misconduct and report the State of his mind at next Meeting —

To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swanzey 6th of 7th mo 1807 — Dear Friends Joseph Buddish hath so far disregarded our Testimony as to partake so freely of Spiritous Liquors as to be disguised therewith, and also is in the practice of using Prophane language, for which Offences he hath been laboured with

Benjamin Slade
Joseph Buffinton } Overseers

Whereupon John Chace Benjamin Earl & Daniel Brayton, are Appointed to labour with him Endeavouring to Convince him of his misconduct and report the State of his mind at next meeting — Swanzey Preparative Meeting in their Account, informed this, that they had Nominated Gideon Chace, Eber Slade and Obadiah Chace, to the place of Overseers of the Poor, also Freetown meeting, that they had Nominated Theophilus Shove and Adonijah Upton, to the same place which meeting the Concurrence of this meeting they are Appointed to that place accordingly for the Year Ensuing

6th of 7th mo 1807 Then received of Swanzey Preparative meeting by the hand of Benjamin Earl Fortysix Dollars and Eightyseven Cents it being Swanzey Preparative meetings Apportionment of Seventyfive Dollars

Benjamin Slade Treasurer

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5th of 7mo 1807 Then received Twenty-eight Dollars and 12½ Cents of Freetown Preparative meeting —
Benjamin Slade Treasurer

$28-12½ Cents}

6th of 7mo 1807 — Agreeable to appointment we have Settled the Treasurers and Overseers Accompts and found due to the Monthly meeting Fiftytwo Dollars and thirtyeight Cents

Benjamin Earl }
Abraham Shove } monthly meetings Auditts

$52-38 Cents}

8/1807 At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset the twentythird of 7mo 1807 The Representatives named in the Accounts are for Swansey Asa Chace and Benjamin Buffinton for Freetown Abraham Shove and Adonijah Lawton all present The Clerk informed this meeting that the time of his appointment together with the Assistant Clerk was expired Whereupon the Representatives are desired to take the subject into Consideration and confer with some suitable friends for that service and report their names to next meeting and the former Clerk is appointed for the present time — The 1st Queries was read in this meeting and Answers from our several preparative meetings to the first second and twelfth from which a Summary was Compiled and is to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting by David Earl Theophilus Shove and Antipas Chace whom we appoint to attend sd meeting as Representatives and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this Minute — The friends appointed to attend the Marriage of William Lawton jun.r reported that sd Marriage was decently Accomplished — The Committee Appointed to prepare a Certificate in behalf of Aaron Buffinton and family not being ready at this time they are again continued for that service and desired to report at next Meeting — The Committee appointed to labour with Edward Chace in Consequence of the Complaint Exhibited against him reported that they have had an Opportunity with him to some degree of Satisfaction, [illegible] Confirmation thereof the Committee is continued to have the care of that matter and to report at next meeting

The Committee appointed to labour with Joseph Earl and Joseph Bowditch in regard to the Complaints exhibited against them made the following report which is Accepted — We the Committee in Consequence of the Complaints exhibited against Joseph Earl and Joseph Bowditch, have had an Opportunity with them and used our Endeavours to convince them of the Inconsistancy of such Conduct as set forth in said Complaints which did not appear to have its desired effect

Somerset 2nd of the 8th mo. 1807
Benjamin Earl
Daniel Brayton
John Chase

Whereupon the said Joseph Earl and Joseph Bowditch is denied Membership with us until they by a Circumspect walking manifest a sincere return, and John Chase is appointed to inform them thereof

The Committee that had the care of Taunton meeting made the following report (viz) We your Committee in regard to Taunton meeting have some of us attended said meeting, to some degree of Satisfaction and all said meetings have been Attended and we think well of a meeting being Continued there under the care of a Committee —
Adonijah Upton } in behalf of
Eunice Brayton } the Committee
Somerset 3 of 8th mo. 1807

Whereupon a Meeting is continued there as heretofore under the care of the former Committee they to report to the monthly meeting preceding our next Quarterly meeting —

Swanzey preparative meeting informs that Palmer Chace proposes to declare his intention of Marriage with Mehitable Briggs at this meeting, who accordingly appeared and expressed their intentions of taking each other in Marriage who are desired to appear at our next monthly meeting for an Answer, Eber Chase and Anthony Chace are appointed to inquire into the clearness of Marriage of the said Palmer Chace and report at next monthly meeting —

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1807 At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 7th of 9th mo. 1807 — The Representatives named in the Several Accounts are for Swanzey Eber Chace and Eber Slade for Freetown Azariah Shove and George Shove all present Except George Shove who sent a Satisfactory reason for his absence

The Representatives, who had the charge at last meeting, respecting a Clerk and Assistant, report, that they had attended to that Subject, and proposed Joseph Buffinton Clerk and Eber Slade Assistant, which meeting the Approbation of this meeting, they are appointed to that place Accordingly, for the year Ensueing — The Committee continued last month, respecting a removal Certificate for Aaron Buffinton and family, not being ready to report, are continued, and desired to report at our next monthly meeting — The Committee continued in the 7th month last respecting a removeal Certificate for Peleg Chace and Family, not being ready to report at this time, are still continued and desired to report at next monthly meeting — The Committee continued at last month relative to Edward Chace 3d, Reported, that they havehad another opportunity with him to a degree of Satisfaction, he appearing in some degree sensible of his misconduct, which report being satisfactory the Subject is Continued to next meeting for further Consideration. — The friends appointed to inquire into the clearness of Palmer Chace respecting marriage, report that nothing appeared to hinder his proceeding who appeared with Whitable Briggs in this meeting and continued their intention of taking each other in Marriage. David Earl and William Luther are appointed to see said marriage decently Solemnized and report at next meeting — John Buffinton Junr requested a few lines by way of Certificate on account of Marriage with Mary Hart a Member of Dartmouth monthly meeting, Whereupon we appoint Benjamin Earl and Benjamin Slade to inquire into his clearness of Marriage, and if nothing appears to Obstruct, to draught and present one to next meeting — The Representatives to last Quarterly meeting, report that they all Attended and produced the following Extract (Vizt)

At a Quarterly meeting held at Portsmouth for Rhode Island the 6th of 8th mo 1807 — Extract from the Yearly meetings minutes was received and read in this and are as follows and the Clerk is directed to furnish each monthly meeting with a Copy thereof and their several [illegible]

{ of [illegible]

Which is as follows

Rhode Islan	$ 71-11
Greenwich	26-47-
Swanzey	23..20
South Kingstown	26-28
Providence	57-94
	$ 205 .. $

Obadiah Williams Clk

Extract from Rhode Island yearly meeting held by Adjournment — from the 13 of 6 mo. 185 to the 17 of the same Inclusive —

Rhode Island Quarterly meeting propose that their Quarter be held in future on the first 5th day in the 8th mo. at Portsmouth 11 mo. at Somerset; 2 mo. at Providence; and 5th mo. at Greenwich Which this meeting Unites with — It is the judgment of this meeting that monthly meetings have a right in cases of reversal of their Judgment against any Individual member on Account of irregular dealing only to take up the case again, and proceed according to discipline; and it is recommended to Superior meetings to be careful when reversals are made on account of irregular dealing only) to express the same in their report. — Which is directed to be inserted in all our books of discipline under the head of Appeals — The Committee appointed to settle the Treasurers Accounts report the Sum of Eight hundred Dollars, to supply this meeting's Treasury; Rhode Island Quarterly meeting's proportion is two hundred and five Dollars —

Signed on behalf of the meeting —

Obadiah Davis Clerk —

This meeting appoints Daniel Brayton to record that part mentioned in the Extract respecting Appeals ~~in~~ in our books of Discipline agreeable to direction —

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 5th of 10th mo. 1807 the Representatives named in the several accounts are for Swanzey Daniel Brayton & Robinson Buffinton for Freetown George Shove & Azariah Upton all Present. the Committee Continued at last month to prepare a Certificate for Aaron Buffinton & family not being ready to report at this time are Continued & desired to pay attention to that matter and report at next meeting

The Committee Continued at last month to Prepare a Certificate for Reley Chace & family informed that they had paid some attention to their appointment but not ready to make a full report whereupon they are Continued & to report at next monthly meeting

The matter Continued at last month for Consideration respecting Edwar Chace 2d being read up at this time together with a paper of acknowledgment from him which after Consideration is again referd to next meeting for further Consideration

The Committee appointed last month to attend the Marriage of Palmer Chace reported that sd marriage was Decently Solemnized

The Committee appointed at last mth to draught a Certificate on account of Marriage for John Buffinton junr presented one which being ~~which being~~ approved of is signed by the Clerk

Swanzey Preparative Meeting presented the following information (Viz) To the Preparative meeting of friends to be held at Somerset 8th of 10 mo 1807 —

Dear Friends Clark Chace, hath so far disregarded an Established rule of our Society as to keep company and marry with one not a Member.

Benjamin Slade } Overseers
Joseph Buffinton }

Whereupon this meeting appoints Eber Slade and David Earle a Committee to labour with him and Endeavour to Convince him of his Error and report the state of his mind at next meeting

Received a Certificate on behalf of Lemuel S. Hart from Dartmouth monthly meeting which after being read is Accepted and directed to be recorded —

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 2d of 11th Mo 1807 — The Representatives named in the several Accounts are for Swanzey Weston Earle and Gideon Chace for Troy [illegible] Slade and Adonijah Upton all present — The Queries and Answers from the several preparative meetings were read in this and general Answers compiled therefrom and forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are Eber Slade William Buffinton and Josiah Woodward and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this Minute

The Committee continued at last month to prepare a Certificate for Peleg Chace and Family, informed that they have paid Attention to that matter but not ready to make a full report and a Certificate being prepared from the womens meeting for his Wife and Children was approved and signed by the Clerk, and sd committee are continued to prepare one for him if way opens and report to next meeting.

The Committee continued at last Month to prepare a Certificate for Aaron Bennington and Family not being ready to make a full report are continued for that service and desired to pay strict attention to their Appointment and report at our next Meeting.

The matter respecting Edward Chace's coming under Consideration of this meeting, and it Appearing that the sd Edward is absent from this place and not likely to return soon, we refer the matter again until third month next.

The Committee appointed to labour with Clark Chace informed that they have had an Opportunity with him but not ready to report at this time they are therefore Continued to have the care of that matter and report at next Meeting. The Committee that had the care of Taunton meeting made the following report (Viz.)

We your Committee in care of Taunton meeting have most of us attended the same and nothing appears but what all sd meetings have been attended to a pretty good degree of Satisfaction since our last report and think with a meetings being continued there under the care of a committee
William Lawton Eunice Brayton in behalf of the Committee

Whereupon a meeting is continued there as heretofore under the care of the former Committee with the Addition of Jonah Woodman, they to report to the monthly meeting preceding our next Quarterly meeting. — It appearing to this meeting necessary that our Lot on which Taunton meeting house stands should be fenced and likewise a shed built there Whereupon we Appoint Benjamin Chace Jonah Woodman Stephen Earle and Theophilus Shove to take the Necessary care Respecting that matter and report at a future meeting as they may Judge proper.

Eber Chace Stephen Buffinton and Moses Buffinton Junr are appointed to prepare Hay, Bread &c, for the use of the Quarterly meeting next to be held at this place, and present the Expence thereof to a future Meeting —

This meeting agrees to raise the Sum of Twenty five Dollars to supply our Treasury and Each preparative meeting are desired to forward their proportion to the Treasurer and an Account thereof to this meeting and the Clerk is directed to furnish Each Preparative meeting with a Copy of this minute —

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 7th of 12 mo 1807 — The Representatives named in the several Accounts are for Swanzey Elisha Earle and Eber Chace for Freetown Abraham Shove & Luther Lincoln all present — The Representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting report that they all attended; who presented a communication ~~[illegible]~~ written by our Esteemed friend Mary Mitchel on the Qualifications of an Elder which was read to satisfaction

The Committee continued at last month to draught a Certificate for Peleg Chace presented one which being read is approved and Signed by the Clerk, and Benjamin Earle is appointed to forward the same to the place directed and the Clerk is directed to keep a Copy on file — The Committee continued at last month to draught a Certificate for Aaron Buffinton and Family not being ready to present one, are continued for that service and to report at next meeting — The Committee appointed at last month to make Provision for the Quarterly meeting to be held at this place, presented their Account which was Nine Dollars and fortysix Cents, which is allowed by this meeting, and Benjamin Slade is appointed to draw on the Quarterly meetings Treasury for that sum, and pay the Same, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this Minute

The Committee continued at last month in the Case of Clark [illegible] not being ready to report, are still Continued to have the care of that matter, and report at next Meeting —

This meeting received a Certificate from Rhode Island monthly meeting on behalf of Job Anthony's Children namely Luther Job and Daniel Anthony which is directed to be recorded

William Luther inform'd this meeting that he has a prospect of a journey as far as Hudson in the State of New-york, on business, and requests a few lines by way of Certificate he being a Member of this meeting, and in Unity, the Clerk is therefore directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute

This meeting was inform'd that the Quarterly meeting took into consideration the Necessity of some alteration in our meeting house to accommodate said meeting and appointed a Committee for that purpose, Whereupon this meeting appoints Benjamin Slade, John Buffinton, Moses Chace, William Earl, and Asa Chace to confer with the Quarterly meeting Committee on the Subject

At a Monthly meeting of friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 4th of 1st mo 1808 the Representatives named in the several accounts are for Swanzey William Earl & Stephen Chace for freetown Edward Shove & John Boyce all present — the Committee continued at last mo to brought a Certificate for Aaron Buffinton & family not presenting one they are therefore continued for that Service & desired to Report at next meeting — the Committee Continued at last month to labour with Clark Chace not being Ready to make a full report whereupon Daniel Brayton is added to the Committee & they desired to Report at next Month

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1808 At a Monthly meeting of friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 1st of 2 mo 1808 the Representatives named in the several accounts are for Swanzey Jonathan Earl & Moses Buffinton present for Freetown Abraham Shove & Azariah Shove all Present Except Abraham Shove — the Queries were read with answers to the 1st 2d & 12th from the several Preparative meetings in this from which general answers were compiled & forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting by Joseph Buffinton

William Lawton & Joſiah Woodard whome we appoint to attend Sd meeting as Repreſentatives we have Directed our Treaſury to pay the yearly meetings Treaſury our propotion of our last yearly meetings Stock & and the Clerk is Directed to furnish them with a Coppy of this minute the Committee Continued at Last meeting to draught a Certificate for Aaron Buffinton & family not preſenting one they are again Continued for that Service & Report at next meeting — the Committee continued at Last meeting to labor with Clerk Chace informed that they have attended to that matter & that he deſired friends to wait with him another mo.th whereupon Sd Committee are continued to have the Care of that matter & report at next meeting — the Committee that have the Care of Taunton meeting made the following report Viz

We your Committee in Care of Taunton Meeting have most of us attended the Same Since our Last Report and nothing appears but what Sd meetings have been attended to a pretty good degree of Satisfaction and think well of a meeting being Continued there under the Care of a Committee

Swanſey 31st of 1st mo 1808

Joſiah woodard) on behalf of
William Lawton) the Committee
Eunice Brayton)

Whereupon a Meeting is Continued there as heretofore under the Care of the former Committee they to Report to the monthly meeting Preceeding our next Quarterly meeting — Freetown Preparative Meeting in their account informed that Enoch Shove requested a Certificate on account of Marriage with Mary Wing a Member of Sandwich monthly meeting whereupon William Lawton & Benjamin Earl are appointed to inquire into the Clearneſs of the Sd Enoch & if nothing appears to obstruct to Draught & Preſent one at next meeting

Swanzey Preparative Meeting in their account informs that they have forwarded to our Treaſury fourty Six Dollars & Eighty Seven Cents their Propotion of the Seventy five Dollars Last Directed to be raised & Preſented the following Receipt

Received of Swanzey Preparative Meeting fourty Six Dollars & Eighty Seven cents ~~it being~~ &c

Benjamin Slade } Treaſury

the 28th of 1st mo 1808

At a Monthly meeting of friends held at Somerſet for Swanzey the 7th of 2d mo.th 1808 the Repreſentatives named in the Several accounts are for Swanzey Weſton Earl & William Lawton for freetown Abraham Shove & Abner Lincoln all Preſent the Repreſentatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting Reported that they all attended. the Committee continued at last meeting to Draught a Certificate for Aaron Buffinton and family Preſented one which being Read approved of is Signed by the Clerk and Joseph Buffinton is appointed to forward the Same to the Place directed and alſo to keep a copy on file —

the committee continued at last meeting to have the Care of the matter Reſpecting Clerk Chace informed that they have had another opportunity with him & that he appeared in a diſpoſition to make friends satisfaction but he not appearing at this time the Committee are Deſired to have the Care of that matter and report at next meeting. the Committee appointed at last meeting to draught a Certificate in order for marriage for Enoch Chace Preſented one which being Read is approved of & Signed by the Clerk. the matter respecting Edward Chace Jr. Coming under the Conſideration of this meeting we refer the Same to our next meeting for further Conſideration. Swanſey Preparative meeting forwarded to this meeting the following information which is accepted & is as followeth viz. To the Preparative Meeting of friends to be held at Sommerſet for Swanſey the 2d of 3d mo. 1809 Dear friends Moſes Chace hath So far Diſregarded a Rule of Society as to keep Company and Marry out of the order of friends with one not member of our Society who was Seaſonably Precautioned

Benjamin Slade } overſeers
Jonathan Earl }

Whereupon the sd Moſes Chace is denied a right of membership with us untill he by a circumſpect walking doth manifeſt a Sincere return and Nathan Chace is appointed to inform him thereof. It appearing to this meeting that the time for which the Overſeers were appointed is Expired whereupon Each Preparative meeting is Deſired to nominate Some Suitable friends to Supply that Place & forward their names to next monthly meeting and the Clerk is directed to furniſh Each meeting With a Copy of this minute

Providence 2 mo. 4th 1809 Received of Benjamin Slade twenty two Dollars & twenty Cents for the yearly meeting Stock.

Caleb Greene Treaſury

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanzey the 4th of ye 4th mo. 1808 the Repreſentatives named in the Several accounts are for Swanzey Robinſon Buffinton & Benjamin Buffinton for freetown Edward Shove & Adonijah Upton all Preſent

The Committee continued at Last meeting in case of Clark Chace Preſented a Paper of acknowledgement from him which is as follows Viz. To the Monthly meeting of friends to be held at Somerſet 7th of 3 mo. 1808 Eſteemed Friends Whereas I some time Past thro inattention to the dictates of truth have deviated from our well Eſtabliſhed order of Society by keeping Company & marrying a woman Contrary thereto. alſo departed from Chastity which was manifest by my wife having a Child so soon after our marriage which Conduct I am Sincerely Sorry for and do Condemn the Same, and deſire friends to Paſs by my offence and Continue me under their Chriſtian care.

From your Friend Clark Chace

which the meeting accepts for satisfaction

The matter continued at last meeting respecting Edward Chace coming again under the Consideration of this meeting & the following Paper of acknowledgement being Preſented from him which is as follows Viz. To the monthly meeting of friends to be held at Somerſet the 4th of 4th mo. 1808 Dear friends whereas I Sometime Past thro unwatchfulness kept company and married a woman not a member of our Society contrary to an Eſtabliſhed Rule thereof which conduct I am Sorry for & do condemn & deſire friends to pass by mine offences & Continue me under your Chriſtian Care from your friend Edward Chace

which after due consideration we accept for satisfaction

Swanzey Preparative Meeting in their account inform that they have nominated Gideon Chace Joseph Buffinton & Weston Earl to the Place of overseers and Freetown Preparative meeting that they had nominated Adonijah Upton & Theophilus Shove for the Same Service which meeting the approbation of this Meeting they are appointed accordingly for that Service for the year ensuing

This meeting received the following Extracts from the minutes of
our last Quarterly meeting viz. At Rhode Island Quarterly
Meeting held at Providence the 4th 2 mo 1808 ——
the Committee appointed at last Quarter to make a revisal
in the time of holding the monthly meetings hereto belong-
ing made the following Report viz. which was accepted
& said meetings are in future to be held as therein expressed
and the Clerk is directed to furnish Each Monthly meeting with
with a Copy of said Report

Extracted from the Minutes aforesaid by
Obadiah M Brown Clerk

To the Quarterly Meeting
Agreeable to appointment we have Conferred together on the times
for holding the several monthly meetings within the Quarter
& Conclude it safe to grant the Request Greenwich to hold
theirs on the 2 day before 1st 5th day in Each month alter-
nately the first month at Cranston & 2 month at East
Greenwich and for South Kingston to hold theirs on the
Second day before the last fifth as they requested at the
times & places following viz. in the 12th 1st 2d 3d & 4th
months at Richmond, the 5th & 6th mo at South Kingston
upper house; in the 7th & 8th month at lower South Kings-
ton near tower hill & the 9th 10th & 11th months at Hopkinton;
as to the other Monthly meetings the way has
not opened to alter the times of holding them they are
therefore held as follows viz. Rhode Island on the last
5th day at Newport in the 1 month at Portsmouth in
the 2 month so alternately —— Swansey the 1st 2d day
in Each month —— Providence the 4th day before the last 5th
day alternately at Providence in the odd month and at
Smithfield in the even month. which is submitted to
the meeting in behalf of the Committee by
Joseph Collins
Providence 4th of 2d month 1808

It appearing to this meeting that the Committee appointed to Attend the burials of Deceased friends is Expired whereupon we reappoint the former Committee for that Service namely Nathan Chace Benjamin Slade David Earl Abraham Chace Adonijah Upton Eber Slade & Josiah Woodward with the addition of Benjamin Earl for the year ensuing

At a Monthly ~~Meeting~~ Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 2d of 5th mo 1808 the Representatives in the Several accounts are for Swanzey Benjamin Earl & Eber Chace for Freetown Abraham Chace & George Chace all present The Queries were Read and the Answers from the Several Preparative meetings in this from which general answers were Compiled approved and sent to the Quarterly meeting next to be held at East Greenwich for Rhode Island by our Representatives who are Joseph Buffinton Moses Buffinton jr & Theophilus Shove whom we appoint to attend Said Quarterly Meeting and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Coppy of this minute. — The Committee that have the Care of Taunton meeting made the following report (viz)

We your Committee respecting Taunton meeting have Some of us attended Sd meeting and nothing appears but that they have been kept up to a good degree of Satisfaction

Signed on behalf of the Committee by } William [illegible]
} Eunice Brayton

To the monthly meeting to be held at Somerset for Swanzey 2d of 5th mo 1808

Whereupon said meeting is Still Continued as heretofore under the Care of the Same Committee they to report Quarterly or Sooner if necessary. — Received a written acknowledgement from Simeon Chace whereupon Benjamin Earl Nathan Chace and Benjamin Buffinton are appointed to take an opportunity with him and endeavour to discover his Sincerity therein & report thereof to our next meeting

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 11th of 9th mo 1808 the Representatives being call-ed in the Several meetings for Swanzey Paul Chace & Daniel Earl for Freetown Enoch Gray & Adonijah Upton all Present Except Adonijah Upton for whose absence Reason hath been given — the Representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting Reported that they all attended & Brought down the following Extracts) i-e

(At a Quarterly meeting held at Providence 4th of 8th mo 1808 — A minute from our meeting for Sufferings was Presented and Read and is as follows viz — It having appeared to this meeting that the doctrine & Remarks Contained in the Letters of our Esteemed friend Job Scott would be desirable to Friends generally in our yearly meeting the Clerk is directed to procure four hundred Copies to Each of our Quarterly meetings and those meetings are Requested to dispose of them in Such manner as they may think best & also to Remit to the yearly meetings Treasury the amount at Six Cents each of Such as they may dispose of and they are at liberty to Retain Such Surplus as may Remain on hand — Extracted from the minutes of a meeting for Sufferings held at Providence 10th 3rd mo 1807

William Rotch jun Clk

and the Clerk of this meeting is directed when the books Come to hand to divide them & send the same with a Copy of this minute to each Monthly meeting and make Report to next Quarter

Extracted from the minutes of the Meeting aforesaid

By Obadiah M Brown Clerk

Whereupon Daniel Brayton Benjamin Earl & George Shove are appointed to take the books and dispose of them to such persons as may have a desire to Purchase them and remit to this meeting Six Cents each for such as they may dispose of and Report at a future meeting — The London Printed Epistle for the year 1807 was Read in this meeting to our Edification and Comfort.

The Committee appointed at last meeting to take an opportunity with Simeon Chace respecting his Request not being ready to make a full report at this time are still continued for that service and report at next meeting. — —

Received the following information from Acoaxet Monthly meeting by

To the Monthly meeting of Swanzey — Esteemed friends

Whereas James Law and family some time past did Remove to reside within the Compaſs of our Monthly meeting and was recommended to us by Certificate from your meeting but at that time did not know that he was an indigent Person but we of late underſtand that he was so then and he is Still So and he and family have become needy and he has asked for and Received Some aſsistance for their Support of our overseers of the Poor now we think According to our Present Discipline he and family Does not belong to our Monthly meeting as our poor we therefore Request you to take the necessary Care of them and refund to us the Expense we have been at for their Support

Signed in and on behalf of our Monthly meeting of friends of aforesaid held in Weſtport the 14 of 5th mo 1808

by Ebenezer Baker Clerk

whereupon we Refer the Same to the overseers of the Poor of this meeting with the addition of Benjamin Earl George Chase and Daniel Brayton who are desired to take the necessary Care respecting the Same and Report thereof to next meeting

the Overseers presented to this meeting the following information which is accepted and is as followeth viz. To the Monthly meeting of friends to be held at Somerset for Swanzey the 6 of 6th mo 1808 Dear friends Benjamin Chase hath so far deviated from our established Rules of Friends as to keep Company in order to Marraige with one not a member of our Society and also deviated from Plaineneſs

Weſton Earl
Joseph Buffinton } Overseers
Gideon Chace

Whereupon David Earl & William Lawton are appointed to take an opportunity with him [illegible] & [illegible] him of his misconduct and Report the State of his mind at next meeting

also Presented an information of the misconduct of David Lawton which is accepted and is as followeth viz

To the Monthly meeting of friends to be held at Somerset for Swanzey the 6th of 6th mo 1808 — — — — Dear friends

David Lawton hath so far disregarded the Rules of our Society as to attend and join in Company with those that attend a Singing School so Called & also join in the Practice of using Profane language and deviated from Plainneſs for which offences he hath been laboured with to no effect

Weſton Earl
Joseph Buffinton } overseers
Gideon Chace

Whereupon Benjamin Earl [illegible] Benjamin Buffinton 2nd & [illegible] are appointed to treat with him endeavouring to Convince him of his [illegible] and report the State of his mind at next meeting

Joseph Buffinton Jonathan Earl & George Shove are appointed to assist friends in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for the year ensuing

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 4th of the 7th mo. 1808

The Representatives named in the [illegible] accounts are for Swanzey [illegible] Chace & [illegible] Chace for Freetown Abraham Shove & John Boyce, all present. Part of the Committee in care of the matter respecting [illegible] Chace's acknowledgment reported that they have had several opportunities with him to a degree of satisfaction the farther disposal of that matter is referd to our next meeting

The Committee appointed to join the overseers of the poor in consequence of the information from Accoaxet Monthly meeting presen an Answer to said meeting which was signed by the Clerk and directed to be recorded, also forwarded to said meeting by the Committee & overseers who are desired to take the necessary care inregard to the circumstance of James Law & family and report thereof to our next meeting

From our Monthly meeting of friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 4th of 7th mo th 1808

To the Monthly meeting of Friends at Accoakset

Dear friends. We Received your information Respecting the Case of James Law and family and made such Inspection as appeard Necessary he informing us that he thought he Could make out at Present without friends Assistance but if it Should turn otherways we Conclude to take the Necessary care and respecting the Expence that hath already accrued our overseers of the Poor are directed to discharge

Signed on be half of the above said meeting

by Joseph Buffinton Clerk

Only one of the Committee in consequence of the complaint of the misconduct of Benjamin Chace inform that he has had an opportunity with him therefore that matter is referd under their care they to report to our next meeting.

The Committee in care of the matter respecting David Lawton inform that they had paid attention to their appointment tho not ready to report therefore that matter is still under their care they to report at next meeting.

The Women forwarded to this meeting the following request (viz) To the Preparative meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swansey the 30th of 6th mo

Dear friends I have a desire that my two youngest Children [illegible] and David Chace, may be taken under your care from your friend Sarah Chace

Whereupon Jonathan Earl & Daniel Brayton are appointed to join the womens Committee in that matter and report to our next meeting.

Received from our last Quarterly meeting the following (viz) At a Quarterly meeting held at East Greenwich 5th mo: 5th 1808. — By report of a Committee appointed at last Quarter to settle the Treasurers account this meeting agreed to raise four Hundred Dollars to supply the treasury & the Clerk is directed to propotion the same as heretofore which is as follows viz

Rhode Island monthly meeting	$138.77
Greenwich	51.65
Swansey	45.24
South Kingston	51.28
Providence	113.06
	$400.00

The Quarterly meetings propotion of Yearly meetings stock is also intended to be paid out of this sum & the monthly meetings are desired in future, to pay that meetings stock to this meetings Treasurer.

The contents thereof is refered to our next meeting. Obadh. Brown Clk.

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 1st of the 8th mo. 1808.

The Representatives [illegible] William Lawton for Freetown, Benjamin [illegible] for Swansey, [illegible] Chace [illegible] Upton & George Chace all present.

The matter respecting Thomas Chace, refered at last meeting coming under consideration of this, we accept his acknowledgment for satisfaction having the concurrance of the womens meeting therein.

The Committee continued at last month in the case of James Lawt inform that they had paid attention to that matter & had Several opportunitys with him also forwarded the information Directed to Acoakset monthly meeting agreeable to direction which meeting the approbation of the meeting & they are dismised

the Queries with answers from the Several Preparative meetings were read in this from which general answers were Compiled and forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting to be held at Portsmouth for Rhode Island by Oliver Chace & Weston Earl whom we appoint to attend sd Quarterly meeting as representatives & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute the Committee continued at last meeting in Case of Benjamin Chace made the following Report (Viz) to the monthly meeting of friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 5th of 8th mo. 1808 we have had an opportunity with Benjamin Chace and he dont appear in a Disposition to make friends Satisfaction for his out goings David Earl William Lawton Committee which meeting the approbation of this & Concurrence of the womens meeting the sd Benjamin Chace is therefore denied a right of membership with us untill he by a circumspect walking manifest a Sincere return & Joseph Buffinton is appointed to inform him thereof — — — the Committee continued at last meeting in Case of David Lawton made the following report (Viz)

We the Committee in the Case of David Lawton have attended to our appointment and endeavoured to Convince him of his miscon:duct which has not had the desired Effect he not appearing in a disposition to Condemn his outgoings

To the monthly meeting to be
held at Somerset for Swanzey
the 5th of 8th mo 1808

Signed by the Committee
Daniel Brayton
Benjamin Earl
Benjamin Buffinton

Which meeting the approbation of this & Concurrence of the womens meeting the sd David Lawton is denied a right of membership with us untill he by a Circumspect Life manifest a Sincere return & Joseph Buffinton is appointed to inform him thereof also his right of appeal

the Committee appointed at last month to join the womens Committee in Consequence of Sarah Chaces request not being ready to report they are Continued and desired to report at next meeting. The Committee who has the care of Taunton meeting made the following Report which is accepted & is as followeth (Viz) to the Monthly meeting of friends to be held at Somerset for Swanzey the 5th of 8th mo 1808 we your Committee in Case of Taunton Meeting have most of us attended the Same Since our last Report and all Said meetings have been attended to Some degree of Satisfaction and think well of s meeting being

Continued there under the Care of a Committee

Signed on behalf of the Committee by } William Lawton
Eunice Brayton

Whereupon a meeting is Continued there as here to fore under the Care of the former Committee they to report at the monthly meeting preceding our next Quarterly meeting

Swanzey Preparative Meeting forwarded to this meeting the following Request (Viz) to the Preparative Meeting of friends to be held at Somerset for Swanzey the 30th of 6th mo. 1808 Dear friends I have for some time had a desire to be taken under your Care. from your friend

Daniel Chace

Whereupon we appoint Benjamin Earl & Daniel Brayton to take an opportunity with him & Report the State of his mind at our next meeting

Benjamin Earl Antipas Chace and George Chace are appointed audit for this meeting the ensuing year

The auditors made the following Report (Viz)

To the Monthly meeting to be held the 1st of 8th mo. 1808

We your Audit have Settled the Overseers and Treasurys accounts and found due to the Monthly meeting one Dollar and thirty four Cents

30th of 7th mo. 1808

Benjamin Earl } Audit
on behalf of the

Whereupon this meeting agrees to raise the Sum of one hundred Dollars to Supply our Treasury & Each Preparative meeting is Directed to [illegible] forward to Said Treasury their Proportion thereof & an account thereof to this meeting - & the Clerk is Directed to furnish Each Preparative meeting with a Copy of Minute

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 5th of 9th mo. 1808 the Representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swanzey Moses Buffinton jur & Gideon Chace for Freetown Philip Chace & John Boyce all Present

The Representatives appointed at last month to attend the Quarterly Meeting reported that one of them attended the other being prevented by indisposition of his father

The Committee appointed at last month to take an opportunity with Daniel Chace Reported that they have had one with to some Degree of Satisfaction and the matter is again continued under their Care they to report at next meeting

The Committee continued at last meeting in case of Sarah Chaces request informs that they with ~~with~~ the womens Committee have attended to their appointment and that the male Child being deceased we concur with the womens meeting that her request be granted for the other

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 3d of 10th mo 1808 the Representatives named in the several accounts are for Swanzey Abraham Chace & Oliver Chace for Freetown Adonijah Upton & Theophilus Shove all Present

The Committee continued at last meeting in case of Daniel Chaces request informed that they have had another opportunity with him and think well of granting him his request which after due Consideration the Said Daniel Chace is Received into membership with us

Freetown Preparative meeting in their account informs that Daniel Shove Requested a removal Certificate to the Monthly meeting of Friends at Sandwich whereupon we appoint Theophilus Shove & Adonijah Upton to Draught & Present one at next meeting if nothing appears to obstruct

The Committee having the Care of Taunton meeting made the following report (Viz) we the Committee in care of the meeting at Taunton have Some of us attended at different times Since our last report & nothing appears but what the meeting hath been kept up to a degree of Satisffaction and think well of a meetings being continued there as heretofore

Signed in behalf of the Committee by William Lawton
Sarah Carr

Swanzey the 2d of 10th mo 1808

which is accepted & a meeting continued there as heretofore under the care of the former committee they to report at the monthly meeting Preceeding our next Quarter

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2d & 11th from the Several Prepara=tive meetings were read in this from which general answers were Compiled and forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting by our represen=tatives who are Eber Slade Benjamin Earl & Theophilus Shove whom we appoint to attend Sd Quarterly meeting & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute

The Overseers Presented an information of the misconduct of Edward Shove which is accepted & is as follows (viz) To the Monthly meeting of friends next to be held at Somerset these may inform that Edward Shove has so far disreguarded the rules of friends as to marry one not of our Society

3 of 10th mo 1808 — Theophilus Shove, Adonijah Upton } Overseers

Whereupon Moses Buffinton & William Lawton are appointed to Labor with him & endeavour to convince him of his error & report the State of his mind at next meeting

It appearing to this meeting that the time of holding Swanzey Preparative meeting at Corse next will come on the day that the Quarterly meeting is held at this Place whereupon it is agreed that the Sd Prepara=tive meeting be held on the Last fifth day of this month

Robinson Buffinton Benjamin Earl & Eber Slade are appointed to make the necessary Provision for the use of the Quarterly meeting next to be held at this Place and report the Expence thereof at a futer meeting

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 7th of 11th moth 1808 the Representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swanzey Edward Chace and Benjamin Slade for Freetown John Boyce & George Shove Present Benjamin Slade and Edward Chace

the Clerk informed this meeting that the time for which he together with the assistant Clerk were appointed is Expired which Coming under Consideration they are reappointed for that Service for the year ensueing

The Committee appointed at Last meeting to Draught a Certificat
for Enoch Shove Preſented one which being read is approved of & Sign,d
by the Clerk and Theophilus Shove is appoind to forward the Same
to the Place Directed & report when accomplished and the Clerk is
Directed to keep a Copy on file

The Committee appointed at Last meeting to Labour with Edward
Shove not Ready to report they are again continued for that Ser-
vice and Deſired to report at next meeting — The committee appoint-
ed at Last meeting to make Proviſion for the Quarterly meeting
Report that the Expence accrueing therefor is Six Dollars which being
allowed by this meeting our Treasuary is Directed to pay the Same
and Draw on the Quarterly meetings Treaſuary for the above Sum
and the Clerk is Deſired to furniſh him with a Copy of this minute

Swanſey Preparative meeting in their account inform,d that William
Lawton Proposes to offer his intention of Marriage with Phila Crane
at this meeting who accordingly appearded with her and Expreſs,d
their Said intention of taking Each other in marriage who are deſired
to appear at next meeting for an anſwer and Benjamin Slade &
Daniel Brayton are appointed to inquire into the Clearneſs of
Marriage of the Said William & report at next meeting

The Overſeers Preſented the following information of the misconduct
of Stephen Slade which is accepted and is as [illegible] followeth (Viz.)

To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerſet for
Swanzey the 7th of 12th mo. 1818 — — — — Dear Friends
Stephen Slade hath So far Diſreguarded the Dictates of truth
and the Rules of our Society as to mix Spiritous Liquors intendedly
in order to intoxicate Some of his fellow Creatures and alſo pertook
of it himſelf So freely as to be intoxicated thereby. Likewise
hath Pitched Quates for unlawful gain for which misconduct he hath
been Laboured with in order to Convince him of the inconſiſtency
thereof Agreeable to our Religious Principles which hath not
had the deſired Effect

Weſton Earl
Joſeph Buffinton } overſee
Gideon Chace

Whereupon Aſa Chace & David Earl are appointed to Labour with
him and endeavour to convince him of the inconſiſtency of his conduct
and Report the state of his mind at next meeting

It appearing to this meeting that the time for which the overſeers of the Poor was appointed is Expired whereupon they are reappointed for the year inſueing namely Gideon Chace Oliver Chace Eber Slade Adonijah Upton & Theophilus Shove

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanzey the 5th of 12th mo 1808 the Repreſentatives named in the Several accounts are for Swanzey Palmer Chace & Weſton Earl for Freetown Theophilus Shove & Adonijah Upton all Preſent

The Committee continued at last meeting in case of Edward Shove report that they have had an opportunity with him tho not ready to make a full report. whereupon the Committee are Continued to labor with him & report at next meeting

The Committee appointed at last meeting to inquire into the Clearneſs of Marriage of William Lawton report that nothing appears to hinder his Proceedings: and he appearing in this meeting with Phila Crane and continued their intention of taking Each other in marriage and Daniel Brayton & Joſeph Buffinton are appointed to See ſd marriage Decently Solemnized & report at next meeting

The Committee appointed at last meeting to labor with Stephen Slade informed that they have Paid Some attention to their appointment tho not ready to report. they are therefore continued and desired to report at next meeting

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanzey the 2d of ye 1st moth 1809 the Repreſentatives named in the Several accounts are for Swanzey Benjamin Buffinton & Samuel Chace 2d for Freetown Abraham Shove and John Boyce all Preſent

The Queries with answers to the 1st: 2d: & 12th from the Several Preparative meetings were read in this from which general anſwers were Compiled & forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting to be held at Providence by Antipas Chace and Weſton Earl whom we appoint to attend Said Meeting as our Repreſentatives & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute

The committee Continued at last meeting to labor with Edward Shove informed that they were not ready to report whereupon Daniel Brayton is appointed to join Sd Committee and they are desired to report at next meeting

The Committee appointed at last meeting to attend the Marriage of William Lawton and Phila Crane Reported that they attended and nothing appeared but that S.d marriage was decently Solemnized

The Committee continued at last meeting in Case of Stephen Slade informed that they have paid some attention to their appointment tho not ready to make a full report - they are therefore continued and deſired to report at next meeting

The Committee who have the care of Taunton meeting made the following Report (Viz.)

We your Committee haveing the Care of Taunton meeting have most of us attended the Same at Different times Since our Last Report and nothing appears but what all the meetings have been kept up to Satisfaction

2 of 1st mo.th 1809

Signed onbehalf of the Committee By
David Earle
Sarah Earl

Whereupon a meeting is continued there as heretofore under the care of the former committee they to Report at the monthly meeting Preceding next Quarterly meeting their Proſpect concerning the time and manner of the futer Continuance of S.d meeting

Received the following Extracts from our Last Quarterly meeting — (Viz.)

At Rhode Island Quarterly meeting held at Portsmouth on Rhode-Island the 4th of 8th mo.th 1808 — The Committee appointed at the Quarterly meeting held in the 11th mo.th last year at Swanſey made the following Report (Viz.) -

We the Committee appointed respecting ~~[illegible]~~ makeing an alteration in Swanſey meeting House to make it more convenient for holding the Quarterly meetings report that under Preſent circumstances we do not See any thing better then to remove the partition which now divides the house further South as far as the alley which Leads to the gallery Seats, and make a narrow flight of Stairs on the Left of the North door, which will lead into the Chamber over the north Part of the house, and place a few Seats round the opening, which will then be in the north part - that if the Lower part of the house should not hold the meeting, they might be occupied — the probable expence, we think, will be about one hundred & fifty dollars

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Portsmouth 8th mo.th 4: 1808

William Peckham

And the further Conſideration of the Same is refered to next Quarter & the Committee are desired to pay further attention to the - Subject

At Rhode Island Quarterly meeting held at Somerſet the 7 of
11th mo 1808
The Subject of the report of the Committee appointed to take
into view the alteration of this house to accommodate this meeting
coming under Conſideration by refference at Last Quarter being
again Conſidered it is concluded that Swanzey Monthly meeting
be Requeſted to make the alteration Propoſed or propose to this
meeting at a futer Setting what may be more agreeable to them
and the Clerk is directed to furnish that monthly meeting
with a Copy of the Report with this minute

Extracted from the minutes of the
meeting afforesaid — by Obadiah M Brown Clerk

whereupon we appoint Benjamin Slade oliver Chace
Jonathan Chace Joseph Buffinton John Buffinton
Azariah Shove Adonijah Upton & Abraham Shove
a committee to take the Subject into consideration
and Propose to this meeting at a future Setting Such alteration
in this house as they in their Judgment think best
to be made

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanz
the 6th of 2 mo 1809 The Repreſentatives named in the Several
accounts are for Swanzey Eber Slade & William Earl for Freetow
Abraham Shove & Adonijah Upton all Preſent
The Repreſentatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting
Reported that they all attended
The Committee continued at Last meeting in Case of Edward Shov
Report that they have paid attention to that matter and had
another oppertunity with him to Some degree of Satiſfaction and
think best that the matter be Continued for two months which
meeting the approbation of this meeting it is Continued under the Car
of the Same Committee & they deſired to report in the 4th mo next
One of the Committee continued at Last meeting to Labor with
Stephen Slade informed that they were not Ready to make a
full report, whereupon Benjamin Buffinton is added to Said
Committee & they Deſired to report at next meeting
our Beloved Friend Daniel Quimby attended this meeting with
a Certificate from Creek Monthly meeting Ninepartners State
of Newyork. Dated 20th of 1st mo 1809 Expreſsive of their unity
with him as a Miniſter and his Preſent Concern whose Company
and goſpel Labors in Love was truly acceptable to us

alſo our Friend Thomas Stringham attended as Companion to Daniel Quimby with a Copy of a minute from the Same monthly Meeting Dated 20th of 1st mo. 1809 Expreſsive of his being an Elder in unity whose company was alſo acceptable to us

Swanſey Preparative meeting forwarded to this an information of the miſconduct of George Purinton which is as follows (Viz)

To the Preparative Meeting of Friends to be held at Somerſet
for Swanſey the 2 of 2 moth 1809

Dear Friends

George Purinton hath So far Deviated from the Eſtabliſhed Rules of Friends as to keep Company and Proceed in Marriage with one not a member of our Society for which he was Precautioned

Weſton Earl
Joſeph Buffinton } overſeers

Whereupon the matter is refer'd to our next meeting by Request of the womens meeting

Received at this time the Printed general Epiſtle from the yearly meeting held in London last year which was Read and the advice therein contained was acceptable & Edifying unto us

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 6th of 3d moth 1809 the Repreſentatives named in the Several accounts are for Swanſey Benjamin Earl & Edward Chace for Freetown Theophilus Shove & John Boyce all Preſent

The matter respecting George Purinton continued at last meeting by request of the womens meeting coming under Conſideration and the women informing that they Submit the Same to our diſpoſal which being weightily Conſidered of the Same is again refered to next meeting for further Conſideration

The committee continued at last meeting in case of Stephen Slade Preſented a report to this meeting which not being Satisfactory, Sd Committee are Still continued to have the care of that matter and Deſired to report at next meeting

Swanſey Preparative meeting hath forwarded to our Treaſury Sixty two Dollars and fifty Cents their proporsion of one hundred Dollars last agreed to be raised as appears by the following receipt (viz)

Swanzey the 6th of ye 3d mo 1809 Received of Swanzey Preparative Meeting by the hand of Benjamin Earl Sixty two Dollars & fifty Cents —

Benjamin Slade } Treasuary

Received the following Copy of a minute from Smithfield monthly meeting (viz) —— This Meeting is informed that Rufus C Smith is a going to reside for a Time within the Verge of Swanzey Monthly meeting and his Father requests a few lines setting forth his Right of Membership He being a Member of our Society the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute

Extracted from the Minutes of Smithfield Monthly Meeting held 12 mo 29th 1808

by Rowland [illegible] Clerk

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 3d of 4th mo 1809 the Representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swanzey Oliver Chace and Abraham Chace for Freetown Abraham Shove & Adonijah Upton all Present

The matter Continued at Last meeting respecting George Purinton Coming under the weighty Consideration of this — he is therefore denied a right of membership with us untill he by a Circumspect walking manifest a ~~Low~~ Sincere return. and Eber Slade is appointed to inform him thereof also his right of appeal

The Committee Continued at Last meeting in Case of Stephen Slade made the following Report (Viz)

To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swanzey the 3 of 4th mo 1809 We the Committee in the Case of Stephen Slade have had Several Oppertunitys with him and he doth not appear to have any inclination to make Friends Satisfaction for his outgoings

Asa Chace
Benjan. Buffinton } Committe
David Earle

which this meeting accepts of & having the Concurrence of the womens meeting he the sd Stephen Slade is Denied a right of membership with us untill he by a Circumspect walking manifest a Sincere Return and Moses Buffinton is appointed to inform him thereof as also his Right of appeal

The Committee continued in the 2d mo.th Last in ~~[illegible]~~ Care of the matter respecting Edward Shove informed that they have Paid attention to their appointment tho not ready to make a full report, they are therefore Continued to have the care of that matter & Desired to report at next meeting

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 1st of 5th mo.th 1809 the Representatives named in in the Several accounts are for Swansey Jonathan Earl & Gideon Chace for Freetown John Boyce & Adonijah Upton all Present

The Queries with answers from the several Preparative meetings were read in this from which general answers were Compiled and with an account forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting (to be held at East Greenwich) by Benjamin Slade Joseph Buffinton & Oliver Chace whome we appoint to attend Sd meeting as our Representatives

The Committee continued at Last meeting in care of the matter respecting Edward Shove informed that they are not ready to make a report, they are therefore continued & Desired to pay attention to that matter & report at next meeting —

The Committee haveing the Care of Taunton meeting reported as follows (Viz.) We your Committee in Care of the meeting at Taunton have attended to our appointement & nothing appears but Sd meetings hath been reputably kept up and think well of a meetings being continued there for one year under the Care of a Committee they then to report or Sooner if occation require

Signed on behalf of the Committee by David Earl
Eunice Brayton

30th of 4th mo 1809

Which being approved of a meeting is Continued there accordingly agreable to their report under the Care of William Lawton David Earl Joseph Buffinton Josiah woodward Adonijah Upton & ~~[illegible]~~ Abraham Shove who are desired to report in the 5th mo.th next year or Sooner if in their judgment they think best

The Overseers Presented to this meeting the following information (Viz)

To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 3d of 4th mo 1809

Dear Friends Clark Purinton hath So far deviated from the Principles of Truth as to behave in an unbecoming manner both in words and behaviour at the house of Henry Luther the Sd Luther being gone from home & his wife alone which hath brought a reproach upon our Society for which offences he hath been tenderly Labored with and he appeared in some diſpoſition to Condemn his out goings

Weſton Earl
Joſeph Buffinton } overſeer

which this meeting accepts. and Moſes Buffinton Benjamin Earl Reuben Chace & Adonijah Upton are appointed to Labour with him and Endeavour to Convince him of the inconſiſtency of his Conduct & report the State and Sincerity of his mind at next meeting

The Overſeers Preſented an information of the misconduct of Edward Shove 2d which is as follows (Viz) To the Monthly meeting next to be held at Somerſet Dear friends

These may inform that Edward Shove 2d has So far disreguarded the rules of friends as to Marry with one not of our Society

29th of 4th mo 1809

Adonijah Upton
Theophilus Shove } overſeers

Which this meeting accepts & Oliver Chace & John Boyce are appointed to Labor with him and endeavor to Convince him of his error & report the diſpoſition & Sincerity of his mind at next meeting

It appearing to this meeting that the time for which the Overſeers were appointed being expired. which after duly Conſidering the Same they are Reappointed for that Service the enſueing year namely Weſton Earl Gideon Chace Joſeph Buffinton Adonijah Upton & Theophilus Shove

This Meeting agrees to Raise one hundred Dollars to Supply their Treaſuary and Each Preparative meeting are deſired to raise their Proportion thereof & forward to Said Treaſuary & an account their of to this meeting and the Clerk is Directed to furniſh Each Preparative meeting with a Copy of this minute

Providence 24th of 4th mo 1809-- Received of Swanſey monthly meeting by the hand of John Earl. fourtyfive Dollars and twenty four Cents (which is in full for their Proportion of Quarterly meeting Stock ordered in 5th mo 1808 David Anthony Quarterly meetings Treaſuary

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset
for Swanzey the 5th of 6th moth 1809 the Representatives
Named in the Several accounts are for Swanzey Daniel
Buffinton & Paul Chace for Freetown Enoch Boyce and
Adonijah Upton all Present

The Representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly
meeting Reported that they all attended

The Committee continued at Last meeting in case of Edward
Shove not being ready to report are again continued and desired
to report at next meeting

The Committee appointed at last meeting to labour with Clark
Purinton informed that they have had Several oppertunities with
him to Some degree of Satisfaction the are therefore Still
Continued to further Labour with him & Endeavor to discover the
Sincerity of his mind, & report their judgment thereof at next meeting

The Committee appointed at Last meeting to labor with Edward Shove 2d
made the following report (Viz) We your Committee have had an
oppertunity with Edward Shove 2d agreable to appointment
and think he appears in a Disposition to make friends Satisfaction

from Oliver Chace
John Boyce

which is accepted and they also presented a Paper)
of acknowlegement from him as follows (Viz) To the monthly
meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset the 5th of 6th moth 1809
Dear Friends whereas I Some time past So far deviated
from the Established Rules of our Society as to keep company
and proceed in Marriage with one not a member of our Society
which Practice I disapprove and Sincerely Condemn and desire
friends to pass by my offences and Continue me under your watchful
Care

Edward Shove 2d

Which this meeting accepts for Satisfaction having the Concurence of
the womens meeting therein

Freetown Preparative Meeting in their account informed that Luther
Lincoln Requests that his Children may be taken under the Care of
friends Namely Luther Annes A. & Senaca Lincoln whereupon
we appoint Daniel Brayton & Adonijah Upton to take an oppertunity
with the Sd Luther Lincoln & family and report their Prospect
of Receiving Sd Children

Received at this time the following Extract (Viz)

This Meeting Leaves Swanfey Monthly meeting at Liberty to make an alteration and addition of fourteen feet or more on the South End of the width and heigth of their present Meeting house to accommodate this meeting at the time of ~~holding~~ holding the Quarterly Meeting. and this Meeting agrees to appropriate two hundred and fifty Dollars towards defraying the Expence of building the Same

Extracted from the minutes of Rhodeisland Quarterly meeting held at East Greenwich 4th of 5th 1809 by Obadiah M Brown Clerk

Whereupon we refer the Subject to the Committee appointed in the first mo. Last to Consider an alteration in this house. — and they are desired to get Subscriptions & report their Prospect of the Quarterly meetings Proposal at next meeting

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanfey the 3 of 7th mo. 1809 the Representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swanfey Palmer Chace & Weston Earl for freetown Theophilus Shove & Azariah Shove all Present

The Queries & Answers to the 1st 2d & 12th from the Several Preparative meetings were Read in this from which a Summary was agreed upon & forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are Benjamin Earle Eber Slade & Theophilus Shove — & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute together with the Summary answers.

The Committee continued at last meeting in case of Edward Shove reported as follows (viz) To the Monthly meeting of friends to be held at Somerset for Swanfey 3d of 7th mo. 1809.

Dear Friends We have continued our care in the case of Edward Shove altho he hath in our former visits manifested a desire to be continued under friends care, Nevertheless at a late visit with him on the occasion there appeard but little or no Encouragement for friends to [illegible] with him any longer he not appearing willing to disapprove the [illegible] in the proper [illegible] =ice of his proceedure in marriage inconsistant with our discipline therefore not in a disposition to condemn it.

Signed by the Committee
Moses Buffinton,
Daniel Brayton,
William Sisson

Which we accepts of And with the concurrence of the womens meeting he the sd. Edward Shove is hereby Denied a right of membership with us until he by a circumspect conduct manifest a sincere return and Daniel Buffinton is appointed to inform him thereof also his right of an appeal.

The Committee continued at last meeting in the case of Clark Purinton reported as follows viz we have had several opportunities with Clark Purinton in consequence of our appointment & a good degree of satisfaction is [illegible] appears to be in some degree sensible of his misconduct also in condemning

the Same
Somerset the 3d of the 7th mo. 1809

Signed by the Committee
Moses Buffinton Benjn Ear
Adonijah Tipton Reuben C

Which is accepted and they also presented a paper of condemnation from him which after being read & considered he is directed to read or cause to be read at the close of a publick meeting at this house at a suitable time and when complied with to be accepted for satisfaction Benjamin Earl is appointed to inform him thereof and report thereof at next meeting

Our Esteemed Friend Elizabeth Hunt Satisfactoryly attended this meeting with a Certificate from Raway & Plainfeild Monthly meeting Dated 5th: 4th: 1809 Expressive of her being a minister in unity and their Concurence with her visit whose Company hath been very acceptable unto us

Also our Esteemed friend Anna Shotwell attended this meeting as Companion to Elizabeth Hunt with a Copy of a minute from the Same monthly meeting Dated 5th mo 25th 1809 Expressive of her being a member in good Esteem with them & their unity with her in accompaning our above Said friend her Company is also acceptable unto us

Likewise our Esteemed friend John Hartshorn junr attended this Meeting with the above Named women friends with a Copy of a minute from Shrewsbury Monthly meeting dated 6th mo 5th Day 1809 whose Company amongst us was very acceptable

The Committee haveing in Charge the matter which came from our Last Quarterly meeting respecting an alteration in this house not being ready to report are Still continued for that Service & Desired to report at next meeting

Indorsments upon the Certificates of our friends Elizabeth Hunt and Anna Shotwell was Prepared by this meeting & Sign'd by the Clerk

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 7th of 8th mo 1809 The Representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swansey Jonathan Earl & Palmer Chace for Freetown George Shove & Abraham Shove all Present

The friend appointed at Last meeting to inform Clark Purinton the conclusion of Pr meeting respecting his paper of acknowledgement Reported that he had informed him thereof and that Said Paper had been Publickly Read at a Suitable time & Moses Buffinton is appointed to record the Same

The Representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended & brought down the following extracts (Viz)

This meeting being informed that Swansey Monthly meeting had not Proceeded to alter that meeting House they are desired to proceed to alter said house in a manner to accommodate this meeting & appropriate the Sum of two hundred & fifty Dollars as agreed on at Last Quarter Either by an addition or in the manner this House is altered & the Clerk is directed to Send them a Copy of this minute

Copy Extracted from the minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly meeting held 8th mo 3d – 1809 by Obadiah M Brown Clerk

NB This meeting also Concluded to raise Six hundred Dollars Swansey monthly meeting Propotion of Sd Sum according to former apportionments is Sixty Seven Dollars & eighty Six Cents
and that Part of Sd Extracts respecting the alteration of this house is refered to our Committee for that purpose

The Committee appointed in the 5th mo Last Respecting Luther Lincolns Request made the following report (Viz) — To the Monthly meeting of Friends at Somerset for Swansey

We of the Committee in Consequence of Luthers Lincolns & wifes Request for their Children to be received under our Care have visited the family on that account and the request appears to us well founded also in Conversation with the Children those who have arived to the years of discresion Especially the oldest Daughter expresed her perticular desire to be under friends Care accompanied we believe with Sincerity

Signed on behalf of the Committee by Daniel Brayton
Mary Earl

which this meeting accepts & Sd Children are received under our Care accordingly

William Buffum Produced the necessary Certificate from Salem Monthly meeting on account of Marriage with Mary Chace who appeared with her in this meeting and declared their intention of taking each other in marraige they are therefore desired to appear at next meeting for an answer

James Maxwel appeard in this meeting & in a weighty manner expressed a desire to be taken under our Care whereupon Benjamin Buffinton Benjamin Earl and Daniel Brayton are appointed to take a Solid oppertunity with him on the occasion and report their prospect of his Request at next meeting

The Committee continued at last meeting having in charge the matter relative to the alteration of this house not being redy to report they are desired to Proceed agreeable to their appointment or to make the alteration Proposed by our Last Quarterly meeting as in their judgement they think best & report when necessary

Received an information from Acoxet Monthly meeting Respecting James Law and family which this meeting not accepting Benjamin Earl William Lawton and Eber Slade are appointed to attend that meeting and return the Same & give them the necessary information why we did not accept it [illegible] [illegible] and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 4th of 9th mo. 1809 the Representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swansey Gideon Chace & Benjamin Slade for Freetown Theophilus Shove & Josiah Woodward all Present

William Buffum & Mary Chace appeard in this meeting & continued their intention of takeing Eachother in Marriage and nothing appearing to obstruct their Proceeding they are Left at their Liberty to accomplish the Same agreeable to the good order used amongst us and Benjamin Earl & Eber Slade are appointed to See Said marriage decently Solemnized and a Meeting is appointed at the second hour in the afternoon to morrow for that Purpose

The Committee appointed at last meeting to take an opertunity with James Maxwell Respecting his Request to come under ~~the~~ our Care made the following report (Viz) To the Monthly meeting of friends to be held at Somerset for Swansey 4th of 9th mo. 1809

We the Committee in the Case of James Maxwell have attended to our appointment and had a Solid opportunity with him to a good degree of Satisfaction believing him to be Sincere and we think it may be Safe to grant him his request

Benjamin Earle
Daniel Brayton
Benjamin Buffinton

Which meeting the approbation of this and Concurrence of the womens meeting. he the S^{d} James Maxwell is received into membership with us accordingly

The women informed this meeting that they had appointed Elizabeth Chace to the Place of an Elder which this meeting unites with They also inform that they have appointed Mary Earl to the Same Station which this meeting Likewise unites with

The Committee haveing in charge the matter respecting an alteration or or addition in this house reported that they have Paid attention to their appointment and Propose that S^{d} house be lengthed by moveing off the South part & puting 14 feet in the middle also put up a Slideing partition the South Side or near the present opening in the gallery a Chimney in the South end & a flight of Stairs in Each part which this meeting approves of & Benjamin Slade Oliver Chace & Eber Slade are appointed and desired imediately to Proceed in makeing the proposed alteration & Such other repairs as necessary and report the Expence thereof at a future meeting

It is Concluded agreed on by this meeting that our midweek meetings donot for the future be dropt on account of a Preceeding meeting being held But that they be kept up on all fifth days at this house & on fourth days at Freetown Except the week our monthly meetings are held

This meeting being informed that Nathan Buffinton has gone to reside within the verge of Greenwich Monthly meeting & his father requested a few Lines Setting forth his right of membership with us these may Certify that he is a member of this meeting & of an orderly Life and Conversation as Such we recommend him to your Care and oversight & the Clerk is directed to furnish Greenwich monthly meeting with a Copy of this minute

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 2^{d} of 10th moth 1809 the Representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swanzey Daniel Brayton & Eber Chace for Freetown Isaac Woodward & Abraham Shove all Present

The Queries with anſwers to the 1st. 2d. & 12th from the Several Preparative meetings were read in this from which a Summary was agreed on & forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by our repreſentatives who are William Lawton Aſa Chace & Abraham Shove. and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of the above minute & other minutes neceſsary with the Summary anſwers

The Committee appointed to attend the marriage of William Buffum & Mary Chace reported that they attended and nothing appeared but that Sd marriage was decently Solemnized

It appearing to this meeting that the time of holding Swanſey Preparative next will come on the Day of holding the Quarterly meeting at this house. it is therefore agreed that Sd preparative meeting be held on the Last 5th Day of this month Joſeph Buffinton & Gideon Chace are appointed to make the neceſsary Proviſion for the Quarterly meeting next to be held at this place & report the Expence thereof at a future meeting

Edward Chace informed this meeting that he had a Proſpect of makeing a viſit to his relations as far as the Ninepartners in the State of Newyork and deſired a few lines to Shew his right of memberſhip this may certify that he is a member of this meeting & the Clerk is Directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanzey the 16th of 11th mo 1809 the Repreſentatives Named in the Several accounts are for Swanſey Benjn Buffinton & Samuel Chace 2d for Freetown Edward Shove & Abraham Shove all Preſent

The Clerk informed this meeting that the time of his appointmet together with that of the aſsistant Clerk were expired we therefore reappoint them to the Same Service for the year insueing

The Repreſentatives appointed to attend the Last Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended except Aſa Chace who was Prevented by indiſpoſition of body

The Committee appointed at Last meeting to make Provision for the Quarterly meeting Reported that the expence amounted to twelve Dollars & thirty Eight Cents) which is allowed by this meeting which our Treasurer is directed to pay & draw on the Quarterly meetings Treasurer for the Same & the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute

Received from Nantucket Monthly meeting a Certificate on behalf of John Earl which this meeting accepts & is directed to be recorded

The Committee appointed in the 9th moth last to make the alteration and repairs to this house reported as follows (Viz) We your Committee appointed to make the Addition & repairing the meeting house at Somerset have paid attention to our appointment and the whole amount of expence is four hundred & fifty Dollars & 54 Cents

To the monthly meeting of Friends now Siting
11th mo 6th 1809

Oliver Chace
Eber Slade
Benjamin Slade

Which this meeting accepts & allows their Sd account & Benjamin Earl & Joseph Buffinton are appointed to Draw on the Quarterly meetings Treasurer for 250 Dollars the Sum appropriated by said Quarterly meeting to this meeting for that purpose & to Collect from those who have Subscribed & pay the above expence and report when accomplished & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with extracts necessary for that purpose

The following indorsments upon the Certificates of our Friends Anna Green and Ruth Davis was Prepared & approved of by this meeting and Signed by the Clerk

Our Esteemed friend Anna Green within named haveing attended Several of our meetings also visited nearly all the families & members of our Monthly meeting whose examplary conduct & Labours of Love therein has been to our Comfort and Satisfaction

Our Esteemed friend Ruth Davis within named haveing attended Several of our meetings Likewise visited nearly all the families and members of our monthly meeting whose examplary Conduct and Labours of Love therein has been to our Comfort & Satisfaction

This meeting Directs our Treasurer to pay to the Quarterly meetings Treasurer our proportion of sd Quarterly meetings stock which is 67:$ 86cts

At a monthly meeting of friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 4th of 12th mo 1809 the Representatives named in the several meetings were for Swanzey Saml Shove & Oliver Chace, for Freetown Theophilus Shove & Addonijah Upton all Present — Received and read to Satisfaction (at this time the following extracts from our last Quarterly meeting (Viz) At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset the 2nd of 11th mo 1809 — Extracts from the minutes of our last yearly meeting was presented and read at this time, — It is the Desire of this meeting that the pertinent remarks and advices therein contained may have their due influence on the minds of every of our members and the Clerks of this meeting are desired to have Copys of the same sent down to all our monthly meetings [illegible] extracted from the minutes of the meeting aforesaid, —

by Obediah M Brown Clk

The Queries with answers thereto from our several Quarterly meetings were read, whereby many deficiencys were opened to the view of the meeting, and produced a lively concern in the minds of many present, which gave rise to many feeling remarks & pertinant observations particularly upon the neglect of our meetings & the defect of love & Unity, as well as the baneful effects of an Indulgence in the use of Spirituous Liquors in some instances especially in the answers; a-

companied with encouragement to a further faithful di
-charge of individual duty and the promotion of our te
timony in its various branches — — — — —

At this meeting several Epistles were received from o
yearly meetings, from some of which we have made the
following extracts and recommend them to our sev
-ral Quarterly ~~meetings~~ & mo.ly meetings, as contain-
ing matters worthy of the solid attention of our me
-bers — — —

We are renewedly sensible that in order availingly
to labor for the removal of deficiencys it is necessar
to be replenished with a sensible feeling of Love to the
great author of all our mercies, whereby a carefu
watch is maintained over our own steps and a fer-
-vent solicitude for the best intrest of others, and
when in honest simplicity little intimations of duty
are attended to; there is grounds to believe such pri-
vate labor is often blessed, — —

It is sorrowfully obvious that many continue in
the neglect of attending meetings for the Solemn
purpose of Divine worship, may the minds of thes
be awakened to a just sense of the dangerous si
-tuation in which they stand, for we believe it impo
-sible for any to grow in the root of vital religion whil
they continue in the habitual disregard of this incumben
duty, — — —

In the exercise which we have at this time felt
on behalf of the beloved rising generation, strong desire
have possessed the minds of many brethren, that the
weighty dutys which belong to parents & heads of famili
may be discharged with increasing faithfulness, that
the hearts of the Fathers may indeed be turned to the Chil-
-dren; and by dwelling near the princible in themsel
they may be enabled to watch over their tender and
susceptable minds, and to lead them along not only
by precept but by the powerful influence of correct
example; — — —

Dear Friends as the present is a season
of great commotion in the world a fervent desire

hath been felt and expressed in this meeting that the members of our society may by an increased circumspection and care avoid any interference with the Political contentions of the times, believing that those who become actuated by such disposition will be assuredly estranged from the Unity & Simplicity of Truth & be led into a confusion of Judgmt and feeling; which will render the blessings of quietness & assurance (while in that situation) impossible to be attained; — ——

Rhodisland Quarterly meeting' proportion of Six hundred Dollars agreed to be raised this year is one hundred fifty three Dollars & seventy five cents, which that meeting is Desired to pay to Obediah M Brown Treasurer of this meeting

Extracted from the minutes of our yearly meeting held on Rhode Island By adjournment from the 11th to the 15th of 6th mo 1809 Inclusive —

Saml Rodman Clk

This year

The committee appointed at last Quarter to visit the mo.ly meetings presented a report with an epistle as therein expressed which being read in this meeting to satisfaction is directed to be recorded, & transcripts made and sent down to the several monthly meetings with a coppy of this minute -- — —

The Quarterly meetings committee appointed to visit the several mo.ly meetings &c have attended to their appointment, & all the mo.ly meetings have been attended by the greater part of men Friends and all but one by most Women friends, & we ~~were~~ have to report that we believe our visit has been generaly satisfactory to most Friends as well as to ourselves; and notwithstanding we have had to labor in some exercising & trying cases, we have reason to hope usefullness may arise

Signed on behalf of the committee

East Greenwich 10th mo
2nd Day 1809

By Sylvester Weeks
Ann Smith

P, S, one of our sisters ~~[illegible]~~ a member of this committee having expressed a concern to address the several Monthly meetings & having written an Epistle which being read and approved We recommend to the Quarterly meeting (if agreeable) to forw'd the same to the several Mo.ly meetings;

To the monthly meetings belonging to Rhode-Island Quarterly Meeting, — — —

Dear Friends,

Upon considering the appointm made at our last Quarterly meeting of a committee to visit our several monthly meetings & feeling in some measure, the great importance of the subject to which their attention was more particularly directed as it ~~concerns~~ respects our individual advancement in the way of holiness, and of Peace, our well being as a religious Society, & the consistency of our conduct with the profession that we are making to the world; - A concern has arisen tenderly to exhort friends generally & especially those of the monthly meetings where an interruption of brotherly love and harmony has been most apparent, diligently to labor to suppress every thing in their own minds that has a tendency to keep alive feelings inconsistent with the spirit of the gospel and thereby prevent their compliance with that memoriable injunction of our Dear Lord, which from its being so often reiterated & from the Peculiar energy & deeply interesting motives with which it is enforced he unquestionably meant to impress upon the minds of his followers, as indispensably necessary for them to observe; "A new Commandment I give unto you that ye love one another as I have loved you, that ye also love one another; as the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you, continue ye in my love This is my commandment that ye love one another as I have loved you; greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friend ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you, these things I command you that ye love on another;" — In order dear friends to our attaining to a capacity to fullfill this great, & very comprehensive commandment, our minds must be clothed with that charity, which according to the Apostles description "Suffereth long & is kind, is not easily provoked, and thinketh no evil", this Precious mantle woven Throughout of christian virtues, will, as we become invested with it, restrain us from indulging in harsh animadversions, or putting uncharitable constructions even in our own minds, upon the conduct of others, The humility which it inculcates will incline us profitable to remember our own frailtys; and love that preemminant badge of discipleship, will prompt us to compassionate theirs, and to Pray for them, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another" we may not indeed be required to give that highest evidence of our love which he gave by laying down our life; yet if we don't experience a willingness to have those dispositions which cherish and keep alive the seeds of enmity slain & nailed upon the cross of christ, which as it is submitted to cru-

-fies every evil propensity, whatever name we may assum we cannot be his approved Disciples; And let us remember dear friends that it is only by dying to these corrupt Dispositions of our fallen nature, by the reduction of Self, in all its appearances, that we can witne an increase in that divine Life, which alone can mak us true members of his militant Church, and enabl us so to support our testimonies, and exalt the Stanard of truth, in the eyes of the surrounding Nations, that those who are halting between two opinions may thereby be induced to repair to it, for it is not only those of our own society, who are endeavouring to live conformably to our avowed principles ~~but~~ and to the profession which we make who are sensible of the purity of those principles; and the magnitude of that profession their superior excellency is assented to by many who are not of this fold; and there is great cause to believe that if we as a people, more generally dwelt under the influence of that Spirit which we acknowledge for our director, its divine efficacy wou'd be abundantly manifested, by its preserving us out of all errors; which may have a discouraging effect upon serious observers from without; and by leading us into the practical observance of all truth, whereby, we shou'd indeed be as a city set upon an hill whose light cannot be hid; and to which many who are wearied with seeking for the living substance of spiritual ~~things~~ religion, among the dead forms & delusive observance of human invention, wou'd flee for refuge, and beholding the good works which wou'd flow from the prevalency of this pure principle, be brought to glorify our Father who is in heaven; To those who being instructed in the School of Christ & are thereby qualified to be thus instrumental in extending his government in the hearts of his creatures this encouraging Language is ever applicable, "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament

and they that turn many to righteousness as the Star
for ever & ever," while those who thro unfaithfulness pro
as stumbling blocks in the way of such as are seeking
Zion with their faces thitherward, cannot expect to
escape the woe formerly denounced against ~~[illegible]~~
them who were charged with "Shutting up the kingdom
of Heaven against men, neither entering themselves
nor suffering them that were entering to go in",

Copy extracted from the minutes of the meeting
aforesaid by Obediah M. Brown Clk

The committe that reported at our last meeting the expence of repairing &c of this house, informed that there was an error or mistake in s'd expence; whereupon s'd committee are desired to corect the same & the committee which were appointed at last meeting to settle with them, are hereby directed to auditt ~~[illegible]~~ and settle their s'd accts when ~~a~~ adjusted and report accordingly

Rec'd from our auditt the following (viz) we your Auditt have Received and settled the Treasurers & Overseers accts and found due to s'd Treasurer thirty-four Dollars & Seventy eight cents
Swanzey 3rd of 12th mo 1809
Benjn Earl } Auditt
Antipas Chace }

It appearing to this meeting that the time for which our Auditt were appointed ~~was~~ is expired, we there-fore appoint Abraham Shove Benjn Earl & Antipas Chace to that service for the year ensuing,

It appearing to this meeting that the time for which the overseers of the poor were appointed being expired after consider the same, they are reappointed to that service the year ensuing, namely Oliver Chace, Gideon Chace, Eber Slade, Adonijah Tipton, & Theophilus Shove;

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 1st of 1st mo. 1810. the Repreſentatives named in the Several accounts are for Swanzey Palmer Chace & Benjamin Earl for Freetown Abraham Shove & Adonijah Upton all Preſent

The Queries with anſwers to the 1st 2d & 12th from the Several Preparative meetings were received and read ~~at~~ in this from which a Summary was agreed upon & forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting to be held at Providence by Eber Slade & Palmer Chace whom we appoint to attend sd meeting as repreſentatives & the Clerk is directed to furniſh them with a Copy of this minute and alſo that our Treaſurer has paid the Quarterly meetings Treasurer our proportion of sd Quarterly meetings Stock 67$..86Cts

It appearing to this meeting that the time for which the committee were appointed to ~~expired~~ attend the burials of deceased friends being expired whereupon the same committee are reappointed to that Service for the year enſueing or untill a new appointment Namely Nathan Chace Benjamin Slade David Earl Abraham Shove Adonijah Upton Eber Slade Joſiah Woodward & Benjamin Earl

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 5th of 2d mo. 1810 The Repreſentatives Named in the Several accounts are for Swanzey Antapas Chace & Weston Earl for Freetown Theophilus Shove & John Boyce all Preſent

The Repreſentatives appointed at Last meeting to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended

Swanſey Preparative meeting forwarded to this the following information (Viz) —

To the Preparative Meeting of friends to be held at Somerset for Swanzey the 1st of 2d moth 1810

Dear Friends

John Robinson jur hath So far Deviated from the Established Rules of Society as to be in the Practice of Pertakeing So freely of Spirituous Liquors as to be intoxicated thereby for which he hath been tenderly Labor-ed with from time to time in order to Convince him of the inconsistancy thereof which hath not had the Desired Effect

Gideon Chace
Joseph Buffinton } overseers

Whereupon Moses Buffinton David Earl & Oliver Chace are appointed to labor with him and Endeavour to Convince him of the inconsistancy of his conduct & report the State of his mind at our next meeting

Received from Rhodeisland mothly meeting a Certificate on behalf of Abigail Anthony wife of Job Anthony which is directed to be recorded

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 5th of 3d moth 1810 the Representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swansey Reuben Chace & Oliver Earl for Freetown Abraham Shove & David Shove all Present

The Committee appointed at last month to Labor with John Robinson jur informed that they had had Several opportunities with him and thought well of the Subject being Continued, whereupon the Same Committee are Continued to further Labor with him and report in the 5th month next

This meeting was informed that Ebenezer Shove was about to remove within the Verge of East=hoosack Monthly meeting and Requested a Certificate for that Purpose Adonijah Upton & Samuel Shove are appointed to Prepare one & Present to next meeting if nothing appears to obstruct

The Subject of an alteration in the time of holding our Monthly meetings haveing Claimed the attention of this meeting and a Verbal Committee being appointed at Last month to Consider of a Sutable time for Said alteration If any ~~reported~~ Proposed the Last Second day in Each month which this meeting unites with haveing the Concurence of the Womens meeting therin the Same is directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting for their dissposal

The new revised Discipline haveing Come to hand it is the Conclusion of this meeting that the Preparative meetings Proceed in reading the Same in order that Each member may be acquainted therewith - and the Clerk is directed to furnish Each Preparative meeting with a Copy of this minute

This meeting agrees to raise the Sum of one hundred Dollars to Supply their Treasury and Each Preparative meeting is desired to raise their Proportion thereof & forward to Said Treasury & an account thereof to this meeting. and the Clerk is directed to furnish Each meeting with a Copy of this minute

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 2d of 4th mo 1810 The Representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swanzey Asa Chace & Benjamin Buffinton for Freetown Luther Lincoln and Adonijah Upton all Present

The Queries with answers from the Several Preparative meetings were read in this from which general answers were Compiled which together with an acct we forward to our next Quarterly meeting by Joseph Buffinton Oliver Chace & Luther Lincoln whom we appoint to attend S,d meeting as Representatives

The Committee appointed at Last meeting to Draught a removal Certificate on acct of Ebenezer Shove Presented one which being read was approved & Signed by the Clerk & Reuben Chace is appointed to forward the Same to the Place directed

The committee haveing the care of Taunton meeting reported as follow (Viz) We your Committee in care of the meeting held at Taunton have attended to our appointment and most of us attended Said meeting & it appears it has been kept up to a degree of Satisfaction and think well of a meeting being Continued there at Least year under the care of a Committee. Signed in behalf of the

To the Monthly meeting of Friends
next enſueing to be held at Somerſet
for Swanſey 2d of 4th moth 1810

Committee by William Lawton
by Eunice Brayton

Which being approved of a meeting is continued there agreabel to their report under the care of Gideon Chace Moſes Buffinton Jonathan Chace Benjamin Buffinton Joseph Buffinton Daniel Brayton Eber Slade & Adonijah Upton who are deſired to report in the 4th moth next or Sooner if in their judgment necessary

At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 7th of 5th moth 1810

The Repreſentatives named in the Several acts are for Swanſey Jonathan Earl & Moſes Buffinton Jun for Freetown George Chace & Edward Chace all Preſent

The Friends appointed at last meeting to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended except Luther Lincoln who rendered to sd meeting Satiſfactory reaſons for his abſence: They alſo Produced the following Extract Viz) Swanſey Monthly meeting Propoſeing the alteration of holding that meeting to the last Second day in Each month & it being Considered in this meeting is with the concurence of the womens meeting United with & they directed to hold it accordingly & the Clerk is directed to Send them a Copy of this minute

Copy Extracted from the minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly meeting held at East Greenwich the 3d of 5th moth 1810

by Obadiah M Brown Clerk

Whereupon it is agreed that our next Monthly meeting be held on the last Second Day of the 6th mo. and it also appearing to this meeting necessary that the time for holding our Preparative meetings for the future should be altered; It is agreed that they be held the week Preceeding that to which our monthly meeting is altered Freetown on the fourth and Swanzey on the fifth day of the week Sd alteration to take place in 7th mo. and the Clerk is directed to furnish Each Preparative meeting with a Copy of the above minute

Received & read at this time the printed general Epistle from London for the year 1809 the Salutary advice therein contained being very Satisfactory, we hope may have its influence on every mind, & in an especial manner the beloved youth

The committee continued in the 3d mo. last to labor with John Robinson Junr not being ready to report are continued & desired to report at next meeting

The Overseers Presented the following information (viz)

To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swanzey the 7th of 5th mo. 1810

Esteemed Friends Whereas Levi Chace having a right of membership with us hath of late So far Disregarded it as to withdraw from our Religeous meetings and joined himself to that of another Persuasion

Gideon Chace } Overseers
Joseph Buffinton

which this meeting accepts & David Earl & Nathan Chace are appointed to take an opportunity with him on the Subject & report their Prospect at our next meeting

It appearing to this meeting that the time for which the overseers were appointed is expired it is therefore desired for each Preparative meeting to nominate Some Suitable friends for that Service & forward their names to our next mothly meeting & the Clerk is directed to furnish Each Preparative meeting with Copys of this minute

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanzey the 25th of 6 mo. 1810

The Repreſentatives named in the Several accts are for Swanzey Daniel Buffinton & Benjamin Slade for Freetown Theophilus Shove & Azariah Shove all preſent

The Committee Continued at last meeting in case of John Robinſon junr Reported as follows (Viz) We your Committee in the case of John Robinſon junr have ~~[illegible]~~ continued our care in that Subject. Had a late oppertunity with him to a good degree of Satiſfaction tho in taking a Survey of every circumstance attending Since our appointment there appears but little incouragement that things will opperate for the better

Signed on behalf of the committee by
Somerſet 6th mo 25th 1810 Moſes Buffinton

Which being accepted, & after deliberate conſideration the subject is refered to next meeting for determination

The committee appointed at last meeting to take an oppertunity with Levi Chace made the following report (Viz)

To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerſet for Swanzey the 25th of 6th mo 1810 We your Committee have had an oppertunity with Levi Chace and he dont appear in a Diſpoſion to return to our Society

Nathan Chace
David Earle

Which being accepted he the sd Levi Chace is denied a right of memberſhip with us untill he doth manifest a Sincere return

Swanſey Preparative meeting in their acct preſented the following information (Viz)

To the Preparative meeting of Friends to be held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 31st of 5th mo 1810

Dear Friends Edmond Davis hath So far Diſregarded the Established Rules of our Society as to almost wholely neglect the attendance of our religious meetings alſo hath attended a place of Training with the militia as a Soldier under arms for which offences he hath been Labored with

Gideon Chace } overſeers
Joſeph Buffinton

Whereupon we appoint Azariah Shove Eber Slade & Benjamin Earl to Labor with him and endeavour to convince him of the inconſiſtancy of his conduct & report the State of his mind at next meeting The overſeers preſented the following information (viz)

To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerſet for Swanzey the 25th of 6th mo 1810 Eſteemed Friends

David Slade Some time past through unwatchfulneſs to the dictates of truth So freely Partook of Spirituous Liquor as to be intoxicated there with. and alſo repaired to a Neighbouring house in an unſeaſonable time of night and be haved in an unbecoming manner for which offences he hath been tenderly labored with ~~with~~ which hath not had its deſired Effect

Gideon Chace } overſeers
Joſeph Buffinton }

Which being accepted Benjamin Buffinton & Reuben Chace are appointed to labor with him & endeavour to convince him of the inconſiſtancy of his conduct & report the State of his mind at next meeting

Freetown Preparative meeting Propose Theophilus Shove & Adonijah Upton to the place of overſeers. the conſideration whereof is referd to next meeting

This meeting being informed that John Earle was gone to Reſide within the verge of Providence Monthly meeting and requested a few Lines Shewing his right of memberſhip with us. these may certify that he is a member of our meeting and of an orderly Life & Converſation Such we recommend him to your Care. and the Clerk is directed to forward to Providence Monthly meeting a Copy of this minute

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 30th of 7th mo 1810 The Repreſentatives named in the Several accounts are for Swanſey Oliver Earle & Jonathan Chace. for Freetown Abraham Shove and Adonijah Upton all Preſent

The Queries were read in this meeting with anſwers from the Several Preparative meeting from which general anſwers were compiled and directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting to be held at Portſmouth for Rhode Island By James Maxwell Jonathan Earle & Abraham Shove whome we appoint to attend ſd meeting as repreſentatives and the Clerk is directed to furniſh them with a Copy of the above minute

the Subject refered at Last meeting Reſpecting John Robinſon Jur. Comming again before the and Several friends expreſſing a diſſatiſfaction with the report received at Last mo.th which after a deliberate conſideration the Subject is again refered to next meeting and the former Committee is deſired to take the matter again under their conſideration and report at next meeting

The Committee appointed at Last meeting to labor with Edmond Davis not being ready to report at this time are again continued to Labor with him & deſired to report at next meeting

The Committee appointed at Last meeting to Labor with David Slade made the following report (Viz)

To the monthly Meeting of friends to be held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 30th of 7th mo. 1810

agreable to appointment we have had an oppertunity with David Slade and endeavoured to convince him of the inconſiſtancy of his conduct as ſpecified in the repreſentation by the Overſeers which hath not had the deſired effect he not appearing in a Diſpoſition to make any Satiſfaction

Reuben Chace Benjamin Buffinton } Committe

which is accepted and he the ſd David Slade is denied a right of memberſhip with us untill he by a Circumſpect walking manifeſt a Sincere return having the concurrence of the womens meeting therein and Benjamin Slade is appointed to inform him thereof

Swanzey Preparative meeting in their acct. informed that they had nominated Gideon Chace & Joſeph Buffinton to the Place of Overſeers and Freetown at Last meeting that they had nominated Adonijah Upton & Theophilus Shove to the Same Place which meeting the concurence of this meeting they are appointed accordingly for the year enſuing

This Meeting was informed by the Repreſentatives from Swanſey Preparative meeting that Daniel Buffinton requested a few Lines by ~~the~~ way of certificate to Dartmouth monthly meeting on account of Marriage Benjamin Earl & Gideon Chace are appointed to take the neceſsary care in that matter and Prepare one & Preſent to next meeting if nothing appears to obſtruct

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 27th of 8th mo th 1810 the Repreſentatives named in the Several accounts are for ~~the~~ Swanſey William Lawton & Paul Chace for Freetown Joſiah Woodward & Adonijah Upton all Preſent

The Repreſentatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting Reported that they all attended

The Committee haveing in Charge the Subject reſpecting John Robinſon junr reported as follows (Vizt) the aforeſaid committee in the Case of John Robinſon junr haveing reſumed the Conſideration of that Subject & made particular inquiry into his conduct reſpecting the Subject Complained of And it doth not appear that there is much if any alteration for the better which with his almost wholly neglect of the attendance of our meetings for divine worſhip affords but little or no incouragement for friends to wait any longer

Somerſet 8th mo th 27th 1810

Moſes Buffinton
David Earl Comt
Oliver Chace

which ~~with~~ this meeting accepts and with conſent of the womens meeting he the ſd John Robinſon junr is denied a right of membership with us untill he doth manifest a sincere return & Jonathan Chace is appointed to inform him thereof

The Committee continued at Last meeting in case of Edmond Davis Reported as follows (Vizt) To Swanſey Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerſet 27th of 8th mo 1810

We of the committee in case of Edmond Davis have had an opportunity with him and he does not appear to be in a diſposition to make Friends Satisfaction

Benjamin Earle
Elber Slade

which is accepted and with the conſent of the womens meeting he the Said Edmond Davis is hereby denied a right of membership with us untill he doth manifest a sincere return and Aſa Chace is appointed to inform him thereof

The friends appointed at last meeting to Prepare a marriage certificate for Daniel Buffinton & Preſented one which being approved of was Sign'd by the Clerk

Our friend Daniel Brayton informed this meeting that he had a Proſpect of makeing a visit among his friends and Relations to some parts of the State of Newyork & requested Something to shew his right of membership — he being a member of this meeting & a Minister in good esteam amongst us. the the Clerk is Directed to furnish him with a coppy of this minute

Our Friend Benjamin Buffinton informed this meeting that he had a Proſpect of makeing a viſit among his friends & relations to Some Parts of the States of Newyork & requested Something to shew his right of membership he being a member of this meeting & Minister in good Esteem amongst us the Clerk is Directed to furnish him with a Coppy of this ~~meeting~~ minute

Somerſet 8th mo 27th 1810 then Receive of Swanzey Monthly meeting by the hands of Benja Earl & Joseph Buffinton four Dollars & twenty four Cents which together with what we have heretofore received is in full for the expences of the alteration and repairing Friends meeting house at Somerſet last year

Eber Slade
Benjn Slade } Committee
Oliver Chace

Received the following (over)

Somerſet 8th mo 25th 1810

then Received of Swanſey Preparative meeting by the hand of Gideon Chace Sixty two Dollars & fifty Cents being their Proportion of one hundred Dollars as recommended by the Monthly meeting in 5th mo last

Benjn Slade Treasurer

To Swanſey Monthly meeting to be held the 27th of 8th mo 1810
We of the auditors have settled the Overseers and Treasurers accounts and found due to said Treasurer Six dollars & twenty two Cents

Swanſey 8th mo 4th 1810

Benjamin Earle
Antipas Chace } auditors

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanzey the 24th of 9th mo 1810 The Repreſentatives named in the accounts from Swanſey are Eber Chace & Nathan Chace both Preſent no account from Freetown

Benjamin Earle & Eber Slade are appointed to make the necessary Provision for our next Quarterly meeting to be held at this place & preſent their acct ~~when~~ at a future meeting

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanzey the 29th of 10th mo 1810 The Repreſentatives named in the Several accounts are for Swanſey Oliver Earle & Reuben Chace for Freetown Abraham Shove & Samuel Shove all Preſent

The Queries & answers to the 1st 2d & 10th from the ſeveral Preparative meetings were read in this from which general anſwers were Compiled & forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting by Jonathan Earle Edward Chace & Abraham Shove whom we appoint to attend sd meeting as repreſentatives and the Clerk is directed to furniſh them with a Coppy of this minute together with the general anſwers

Received the following extracts from our last yearly and Quarterly meetings (viz) Extracts from the Minutes of the yearly meeting of Friends held on Rhode Island from the 10th to the 15th of the 6th mo 1810 inclusive

The Queries with answers thereto from the Several Quarterly Meetings were read which awakened a Concern in the minds of many Friends that led to Several feeling judicious remarks, upon the deficiencies manifested in those answers particularly upon the neglect of our religious Meetings, giving way to Sleepiness in some instances a defect in Love & unity and the improper use of Spiritous Liquors which we desire may be duly impressed on our minds and transmitted by the repreſentatives to the ſeveral Quarterly Meetings with a Caution that we Carefully Support our Christian testimony against war, and not indulge a vain Curiosity in attending Trainings or any Military exhibition even as Spectators

It is Proposed to raise the Sum of nine hundred Dollars for the Preſent year of which the Proportion of Rhode Island Quarterly meeting is two hundred thirty two Dollars

Samuel Rodman Clerk
to the meeting this year

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Portsmouth in Rhode Island the 2nd of 11th mo 1810 It is agreed by this Meeting that the Sum of Six hundred Dollars be raised by the monthly meetings to Supply the Treasury and the Clerk is desired to apportion Said Sum agreeable to last apportionment Swansey Monthly meeting Proportion of Said Sum is Sixty Seven Dollars & Eighty Six cents

The Clerk is also directed to have transcripts of the Extracts from our last yearly Meeting forwarded to all our Monthly meetings — Copy Extracted from the minutes of the Meeting aforesaid

by Obadiah M Brown Clerk

It is agreed by this meeting to raise the Sum of one hundred & fifty Dollars to supply our Treasury & the Clerk is desired to apportion Sd Sum agreeable to former apportionments & furnish Each Preparative meeting there with together with a Copy of this minute

At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 26th of 11th mo 1810

The Representatives named in the several accounts are for Swansey Joseph Buffinton & Gideon Chace for Freetown David Shove & Parish Shove all Present

The Clerk informed that the time for which he together with the assistant Clerk were appointed ~~was~~ is expired they are therefore reappointed to that Service for the year insuing

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended

The friends appointed in the 9th mo last to make Provision for the Quarterly meeting held at this Place reported the Expence to be Eleven Dollars & twenty three cents which is allowed by the meeting and our Treasurer is directed to pay said sum to the Quarterly meetings Treasurer for the same and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute

Freetown Preparative meeting in their acct. informs that they think their apportionment of raising money to supply our deficiency stands too high. Whereupon Benjamin Earle Oliver Chace Benjamin Slocum Gideon Chace Isaac Woodward Abraham Chace & David Shove are appointed to take the matter into consideration and report their prospect & judgment thereof at next meeting.

Our Friend Jonathan Chace informed this meeting that that he has a prospect of making a visit among his friends and relations at Salem he being a member of this meeting and a minister in good Esteem the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute.

At a monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 31st of the 12th mo. 1810 the Representatives from the Several Preparative Meetings as by the accounts are for Swanzey Edmund Chace & Oliver Chace, for Freetown Isaac Woodward & Theophilus Shove, all present, —

The committee appointed at last meeting respecting the Preparative meetings apportionment of raising mo-neys, not being ready to report are still continued & desired to report at next meeting,

At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanſey the 28th of 1st mo 1811 The Repreſentatives named in the Several accounts are for Swanzey Moſes Buffinton Junr. & William Lawton for Freetown David Shove & Abraham Chace all Preſent

The Queries were read with anſwers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from the Several Preparative meetings from which general anſwers were Compiled and forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting to be held at Providence by Gideon Chace and Moſes Buffinton Junr. whom we appoint to attend said meeting as repreſentatives — and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute

The Committee continued at Last meeting reſpecting apor-tionment between the Preparative meetings not being ready to report are Continued & desired to report at next meeting

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 25th of 2nd moth 1811 The Representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swanzey Simeon Chace & Antapas Chace for Freetown Samuel Shove and Edward Shove all Present,

The committee Continued at last meeting respecting appor-tionment between the Preparative meetings not being ready to report are Still continued and desired to report at next meeting

The Representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting Reported that they all attended

It appearing to this meeting that the time for which the Overseers of the Poor were appointed is expired it is hereby recommended to the Several Preparative meetings to nominate some Suitable Friends for that Service & forward their names to our next monthly meeting and the Clerk is directed to furnish Each Preparative meeting with a Copy of this minute

It Likewise appearing that the time for which this meetings Audit were appointed is expired, Whereupon we appoint Abraham Chace Antapas Chace & Jonathan Earl to that Service for the ensueing year

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey the 25 of 3d moth 1811 The representatives name in the Several accounts are for Swanzey David Earle & John Robinson For Freetown Theophilus Shove & John Boyce all Present except Theophilus Shove for whose absence Satisfactory Reason was rendered

The Committee continued at last meeting Respecting the apportionment between the Preparative meetings Reported that they had Paid attention to that matter and Judge there can be no alteration [illegible] made at present for the better

Swanzey Preparative meeting have nominated & forwarded the names of Moses Buffinton junr Oliver Chace & Reuben Chace — And Freetown Preparative meeting Azariah Shove & Theophilus Shove as over-seers of the poor

Which being approved of by this meeting they are appointed to that service for the year ensuing

This Meeting being informed that the lot of land adjoining the one which this house stands on to the South is offered for Sale Whereupon we appoint Attapas Chace Benjamin Slade Reuben Chace Eber Slade & Weston Earl a Committee to take into consideration whether it may or may not be best for this meeting to Purchace the Same, or a part thereof. and if they judge it necessary to Purchace they are hereby empowered to purchace for & on behalf of this meeting such part thereof as they shall think best & report to a future meeting

At A Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 29th of 4th mo 1811 The Representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swansey Weston Earl & Antapas Chace for Freetown Josiah Woodward & David Shove all Present

The Queries with answers from the Several Preparative meetings were read in this from which a Summary was agreed on as the State of this meeting & forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting by our Representatives who are Eber Slade Benjamin Slade Benjamin Earl & Luther Lincoln this meeting also directs our Treasurer to pay the Quarterly meetings Treasurer our proportion of sd meetings Stock & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of the above this minute

The Committee having the care of Taunton meeting reported as follows (viz.) We the Committee in care of Taunton meeting have paid attention to our appointment, and it appearing that the meetings have been in some good degree reputably kept up and we think it will be safe to Continue that meeting under the care of a Committee

Somerset 28th of 4th mo th 1811

Signed on behalf of the Committee } Moses Buffinton
Eunice Brayton

Which this meeting accepts & a meeting is continued there as heretofore under the care of the former committee they desired to report in the 4th mo th next or sooner if in their judgment necessary

Freetown ~~Preparative is there not informed that George~~ ~~Gould [illegible] his intention of marriage with Lydia~~ ~~at this meeting who accordingly appeared with her.~~

~~and declared their intention of taking each other in marriage who are desired to wait till our next meeting for an answer~~

Freetown Preparative Meeting in their account informed that George Gould Proposed to offer his intention of marriage with Lydia Shove at this meeting who accordingly appeared with her and presented the following Certificate (viz) To Swanzey Monthly meeting —————— Dear Friends George Gould a member of this meeting requested our Certificate to Proceed in marriage with a member of your meeting after due enquiry we Certify that nothing appears to hinder his Proceeding therein with Lydia Shove

Rhode Island Monthly meeting 25th of 4th Mo 1811

Signed } David Williams Clerk

and declared their intention of taking each other in marriage who are desired to wait till our next meeting for an anſwer

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanzey the 27th of 5th mo 1811 The Repreſentatives named in the Several accts are for Swanzey Moſes Buffinton jun. & Gideon Chace for Freetown Edward Shove & George Shove all Preſent

The Repreſentatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting Reported that they all attended

Received & read at this time the Printed general Epistle from London for 1810 the advice therein contained being to our edification

Nothing appearing to this meeting to hinder the Proceeding in marriage of George Gould & Lydia Shove, they are left at liberty to accomplish the Same agreeable to the Established rules of our Society Eber Slade & Daniel ~~and~~ Brayton are appointed to see Said Marriage decently Solemnized & report at next meeting

Received the following from Sandwich Monthly meeting
(C.Y.) To the Monthly meeting of Friend at Somerset

James Hoxie Junr a Member of our Monthly meeting being placed as an apprentice to Theophilus Shove within the Verge of your Monthly meeting the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute

Signed on behalf of Sandwich Monthly meeting
held 13th of 10 mo 1810
by Daniel Bowerman Clerk

At Swanzey Monthly Meeting held at Somerset 24th of 6th mo 1811 the Representatives from the several Preparative meetings as by the acct are for Swanzey Palmer Chace & Benjamin Slade for Freetown Enoch Boyce & Edward Shove all Present

The Committee appointed at last meeting to attend the marriage of George Gould reported that they attended the same & that nothing appeared to them but that said Marriage was decently Solemnized and the Certificate left with the recorder to be recorded

Freetown Preparative meeting in their acct informed that Josiah Woodward Junr and David Woodward appeared in that meeting and requested to be taken under the Care of Friends whereupon Moses Buffinton David Earl Gideon Chace & Reuben Chace are appointed to take an opportunity with them and endeavour to discover the Sincerity of their minds therein and report their Prospect thereof at next meeting

At Swanzey Monthly Meeting held at Somerset ~~Swanzey~~ the 22d of 7th mo 1811 the Representatives named in the several accounts are for Swanzey David Earl & Joseph Buffinton for Freetown Luther Lincoln and David Shove all Present

The committee appointed at last meeting in Case of Josiah Woodward Junr & David Woodward request informed that they had attended to their appointment tho not ready to report they are therefore continued and desired to report at next meeting

The Queries with anſwers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from the Several Preparative meetings were read in this from which a Summary was agreed upon as the State of this meeting and forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting by our Repreſentatives who are Jonathan Earl Reuben Chace & Theophilus Shove. and the Clerk is directed to furniſh them with a Copy of this minute

One of the Overſeers informes that the time for which they were appointed was expired which meeting recommended to Each Preparative meeting to nominate ſome ſuitable Friends for that Service & Report their names at our next meeting. and the Clerk is directed to furniſh Each Preparative meeting with a Copy of the above minute

At Swanſey Monthly Meeting held at Somerſet the 26th of 8th mo 1811 The Repreſentatives named in the ſeveral acct. are for Swanſey Jonathan Earl & Moſes Buffinton Junr. for Freetown Theophilus Shove & Abner Lincoln all Preſent

The Committee continued at last meeting in caſe of Joſiah Woodward Junr & David Woodward not being ready to report are again continued & Deſired to report at next meeting

The friends appointed at last meeting to attend the Quarterly meeting as repreſentatives reported that they all attended

Swanſey Preparative meeting in their account informed that Joſeph Buffinton Propoſed offering his intention of Marriage with Sarah Earl at this meeting who accordingly appeared with her and declared their intention of taking Each other in marriage who are deſired to wait untill next meeting for an anſwer & Benjamin Slade & Moſes Buffinton Junr are appointed to enquire into the Clearness of the Sd Joſeph Proceedure and report at next meeting

Swanſey Preparative in their acct. alſo informed that James Thorn Propoſed offering his intention of Marriage with Sarah Chace at this ~~meeting~~ who accordingly appeared with her Preſenting the following Certificate (viz) To the Monthly meeting at Somerſet for Swanſey (Dear Friends) James Thorn informed ~~this meeting~~ us that he was Deſirious of a few lines directed to your meeting on the account of Marriage these are to Certify on his behalf that he is a member of this meeting and Clear of Marriage ingagement in these parts as far as appears there being the ~~[illegible]~~ needfull we remain your Friends

Signed in and by order of Stanford Monthly meeting held the 17th of 7th mo 1811 by Charles Hoag Clerk and declared their intention of taking each other in Marriage they are desired to wait untill a future sitting of this meeting for an anſwer

This meeting adjourns to the 12th Day of 9th mo next at the 10th hour in the morning

12th of 9th mo met according to adjournment The Repreſentatives Called Present Jonathan Earl & Moſes Buffinton Junr

Nothing appearing to this meeting to hinder James Shove proceeding in marriage with Sarah Chace agreeable to their Propoſal at the former sitting of this meeting and Benjamin Buffinton & Daniel Brayton are appointed to see said marriage Solemnised agreeable to Diſcipline and Report at next meeting

At Swanzey Monthly Meeting held at Somerset the 30th of 9th mo 1811 The Repreſentatives named in the Several mo are for Swanzey Ebez Chace Benjamin Buffinton & for Freetown Edward Shove & Luther Lincoln all Present

The Committee continued at last meeting in regard of Joseph & David Howard's request not being ready to report that matter is again refered and the Committee desired to report at our next meeting

The Committee appointed to inquire into the Clearneſs of Joseph Buffinton Proceeding in marriage with Sarah Earl informed that nothing appeared to hinder said proceeding therefore they are at liberty to accomplish their said intention agreeable to Diſcipline and Nathan Chace & Ebenr Chace are appointed to see said Marriage Solemnised accordingly and report at next meeting

The Friends appointed to see the Marriage of James Shove and Sarah Chace Solemnised informed that nothing appeared but that said marriage was accomplished orderly

Freetown Preparative meeting informed that they had nominated Theophilus Shove to the place of an overseer which is refered to our next meeting for more Names for that Service

Said meeting also informed that John Boyce has Married Contrary to the good order among friends whereupon we appoint Benjamin Earl Jonathan Chace & Benjamin Buffinton to take an opportunity with him and use their endeavours to Convince him of the inconsistency thereof and report the State of his mind at our next meeting

Received & Read at this time to our Satisfaction and Comfort Transcrip of an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Friends in London for the year 1810

Received a Copy of the Extracts of the yearly meeting minutes which was read in this to satisfaction and is as follows (Viz)

Extracts from the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting of Friends holden Rhode Island for New England from the 14th to the 19th of 6th mth inclusive 1811

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting proposing that their meeting in future be held on the first fifth day in the seventh mo at Nantucket in the tenth month at Sandwich in the twelfth and fourth months at Newbedford with which this meeting unites. The alteration to take place in the tenth month next The Subject relative to the Situation of our present School fund coming before this Meeting it is concluded to refer to the minute of 1809 upon that subject and Monthly & Quarterly Meetings are requested to Promote Subscriptions as therein recommended— The Subject of inspecting Testimonies and Memorials of Deceased friends Claiming our solid attention it is concluded that they have the inspection of the Meeting for Sufferings after having the approbation of the Quarterly Meeting. This meeting hath concluded to raise $900 the ensuing year of which Rhode Island Quarterly meetings proportion is $252 Which they are desired to forward to the Yearly Meeting Treasurer.

Extracts of the minute of the yearly meeting in 1809 respecting the Recommendation of Subscriptions to increase the yearly Meeting School fund. This meeting feeling a renewed concern that the object of establishing a School for the promotion of a guarded education may Still be kept in view and put in execution as soon as it can be usefully effected do recommend to the several Quarterly & Monthly meetings to encourage friends to a liberal Subscription

Upon Looking into the State of our Society exhibited by the Answers to the Queries from the respective Quarterly meetings our minds have been affected with the deficiences apparent therein and deep concern felt upon the Sorrowful occasion manifested itself in a lively expression upon their inconsistancy with our holy Profession without extending into every particular at this time hoping that the minds of Friends in the meetings Subordinate to this may be impressed with the necessity of vigilance; and that as far as practicable each concerned friend may become and consider himself an overseer (and act with the qualification that wisdom will confer) over himself and such of his brethren as he may discover an abatement of Zeal or want of Concern in the due attendance of our meetings for worship and Discipline or in Such as do attend giving way to a drowsy Propensity therein

And as the spirit of detraction of very Pernicious Conse-
quence in Religious as well as civil Society, is noticed in most
if not all the anſwers in a way, that we have Cause to fear
every Monthly meeting more or leſs affected, by Some of its
members not ſufficiently regarding the advice of the Apostle
to Bridle their [illegible] Tongues by which Salutary counsel,
if duly observed their minds would be gradually Sweetened. So
that nothing injurious to the Character of another would proceed from
them. We exhort friends to be guarded against a practice So destructive

It is with feelings of regret and mortification that we have found
the anſwers manifesting in many instances that Some of our members
give way to the degrading practice of the frequent use of Spirit
ous Liquors, as this evil and weakness may be classed among the
enormities that are only to be found amongst the degenerate,
we believe it right to refer to our Salutary Discipline, and
where after due admonition and a reasonable forbearance, such
as become so lost to a sense of the requirings of Truth, their
Character, the happineſs and Comfort of their families, neceſsarily
involved as to persevere therein without hopes of being reclaimed
we Recommend to Monthly Meetings to remove the reproach
of their conduct by diſownment

The Clerk is directed to forward a Copy of this minute
to the respective Quarterly Meetings

Copy Extracted from the minutes of the yearly
Meeting of Friends held on Rhode Island for New England
from the 15th to the 19th of 6th month inclusive 1811

Copy by Obadiah M Brown Aſst Clerk

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet
for Swanſey 28th of 10th moth 1811 The Repreſentatives named
in the Several accounts are for Swanſey Palmer Chace
& Benjamin Slade For Freetown Abraham Chace & Joſiah
Woodward all Present

The Queries with anſwers to the 1st 2nd & 10th were read from
which a Summary was agreed on as the State of this meeting
and forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting by Oliver Chace
David Shove & Antipas Chace who are appointed to attend
Said meeting as repreſentatives & the Clerk is directed to furniſh
them with a Copy of this minute

The Committee continued at last meeting in regard to the request of Josiah & David Woodward not being ready to report are again Continued & Desired to report at next meeting

The Committee appointed to attend the Marriage of Joseph Buffinton Reported that they attended & nothing appeared but that said marrige was decently Solemnised

The Committee appointed at last meeting to labor with John Boyce informed that they had paid attention to their appointment yet not ready to report they are therefore continued & desired to report at next meeting

Theophilus Shoves name as Overseer which was refered at last meeting coming under consideration at this time and Swansey Preparative meeting in their act Presenting the names of Joseph Buffinton Moses Buffinton Junr & Gideon Chace for that Service which after deliberate consideration is united with and they appointed for that Service for the year ensuing

Swansey Preparative meeting in their act informed that Eber Slade Proposed offering his intention of Marriage with Ruth Chace at this [illegible] who accordingly appeared with her & declared their intention of taking each other in marriage they are therefore desired to wait untill next meeting for an answer & Benjamin Earl and Daniel Brayton are appointed to equire into the clearness of the sd Ebers Procedure and report at next meeting

Benjamin Slade & Jonathan Earl are appointed to make the necessary Provision for our next Quarterly meeting to be held at this Place and Present their account at a future meeting

At Swanzey Monthly Meeting held at Somerset 25th of 11th mo 1811

The Representatives named in the several accounts are for Swansey Benjamin Earl & Nathan Slade for Freetown David Shove & Theophilus Shove all Present

The Representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting Reported that they all attended & Presented the following (Viz.) Swansey Monthly meetings Proportion of Eight Hundred Dollars as agreed to be raised to supply the Quarterly meetings Treasurys Ninety Dollars as agreed by the Representatives appointed by the respective monthly meetings to attend the Quarterly meeting in the 11th mo 1811 Obadiah Chace Clerk

The Committee continued in case of Josiah & David Wilbur informed that they have had an opportunity with them but not ready to report at this time, Desired that the matter be continued for two months which is accordingly they to report in the 9th month next

The Committee continued to labor with John Trafford informed that they have paid some attention to their appointment but not ready to make a full report they are therefore continued & Desired to report at next meeting

The Committee appointed to enquire into the clearness of Eber Slade's Proceedings in marriage with Ruth Chace Reported that nothing appeared to them to obstruct said proceedings they are therefore left at liberty to accomplish their intentions agreeable to Discipline and Daniel Chace Jr. Samuel Chace & Christopher Chace are appointed to see said marriage Decently Solemnized the Certificate recorded & report at next meeting

Swanzey Preparative meeting in their account informs that Walter Chace request to be taken under the care of Friends whereupon Benjamin Slade, Rufus Buffinton & Joseph Buffinton are appointed to take an opportunity with him & report the State of his mind at next meeting

Freetown Preparative meeting in their account Proposed Isaac Chace's name as an overseer which meeting our approbation and having the concurrence of the womens meeting he is appointed to that Service for the year ensuing

It appearing that Benjamin Slade 2nd a member of this meeting being so much relaxed in his faculty that he is [illegible] incapable of conducting his outward business and Eber Slade his agent or lawfull attorney requesting the assistance of this meeting Benjamin Slade Nathan Slade & Antipas Chace are appointed a committee to advise & assist the said agent or Benjamin from time to time as they shall Judge necessary & report thereof as occasion require

The Committee appointed last moth to make provision for the Quarterly meeting reported the expence to be nine Dollars & Seventy five Cents which being allowed by this meeting our Treasurer is directed to pay the same and Draw on the Quarterly meeting Treasurer for that sum and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Coppy of this minute

This meeting agrees to raise one hundred & fifty Dollars to supply our Treasury Swanzey Preparative meeting Proportion is $ 93 & 75 Cents Freetown Proportion is $ 56: 25 Cents

Who are Deſired to forward the Same to our Treaſury & an account to this meeting & the clerk is Directed to furnish each Preparative meeting with a copy of this minute

At Swanſey Monthly Meeting held at Somerſet ~~[illegible]~~ the 30th of 12th mo 1811 The Repreſentatives named in the accounts are for Swanſey Jonathan Chace & Stephen Chace for Freetown Abraham Chace all Preſent

The Committee continued to labor with John Boyce not being ready to report are again continued & deſired to report at next meeting

The Committee appointed to attend the marriage of Eber Slade reported that they attended the Same and that nothing appeared but that said marriage was Solemnized agreable to Diſcipline and the Certificate lodged in the registers hand for recording

The Committee appointed at last meeting in case of Weſton Chaces request not being ready to report are still continued & deſired to report at next meeting

Swanſey Preparative meeting in their acct informed that they had Paid their Proportion of sd meeting stock agreed on by sd meeting in the 10th mo 1810 as appears by the following Receit

Swanſey 16th of 12th mo 1811

Received of Swanſey Preparative ~~meeting~~ meeting by the hand of Eber Slade & Benjamin Earl Sixty three Dollars & Twenty five Cents in full for sd meeting Proportion of One hundred and fifty Dollars agreed to be raised by the monthly meeting in the 10th month 1810

Benjamin Slade } Treaſurer

To the Monthly meeting now Sitting we your Audit have Settled the accounts with the Treaſurer up to the 21st of 12 mo 1811 and found due to sd Treaſurer Seventy five Dollars & Ninety Eight cents

Swanſey 31st of 12th mo 1811

Jonathan Earl }
Antipas Chace } Audit

At Swanſey Monthly Meeting held at Somerſet 27th of 1st mo 1812 The Repreſentatives named in the Several accts are for Swanſey Moses Buffinton Jun & Stephen Buffinton Jur Freetown David Shove & Theophilus Shove all Preſent Except David Shove.

The Queries with answers to 1st 2nd & 10th from the Several Preparative meetings were read in this from which a Summary was agreed on as the State of this meeting and forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting to be held at Providence by our repreſentatives who are Joſeph Buffinton & Benjamin Earl & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute

The Committee continued at last meeting to Labor with John Boyce not being ready to report are again continued for that Service & Desired to report at next meeting

The Committee continued at last meeting in case of Weſton Chaces request. informed that they have had an opportunity with him to a degree of Satisfaction. yet think best that the matter be again continued which is accordingly under their care they desired to report at next meeting

The Committee continued in the 11th mo last in case of Josiah an David Westcoat request, not being ready to report are again continued & desired to report at next meeting

Received from Swansey Preparative meeting the following information (Viz) To the Preparative Meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swansey the 23d of 1st mo 1812

Esteemed Friends

Mason Buffinton hath so far disregarded the Established rules of Friends as to keep Company and Proceed in marriage ~~or~~ with one not a member of our Society

Joseph Buffinton } Overseers
Gideon Chace
Peter Buffinton Jr

Whereupon Benja Earl Daniel Brayton & Oliver Chace are appointed to take an opportunity with him and endeavour to convince him of his error & report the state of his mind at next meeting

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 24th of 2nd moth 1812 The Repreſentatives Named in the Several acct are for Swanzey Oliver Chace and Robinſon Buffinton For Freetown Enoch Boyce & Edward Shove all Preſent Except Enoch Boyce

The Repreſentatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended

The Committee continued at last meeting to Labor with John Boyce informed that they had paid Some attention to that matter tho not ready to make a full report. are again Continued and deſired to report at next meeting

The Committee continued at last meeting in case of Weſton Chaces Request made the following report (Viz) To the Monthly Meeting of Friends to be held at Somerſet for Swanſey the 24th of 2nd moth 1812 Esteemed Friends We your Committee in Case of Weſton Chases request have had an opportunity with him to a degree of Satisfaction he appearing to be Sincere therein & we think it may be Safe to grant him his request

Benjamin Slade } Committee
Joſeph Buffinton

Whereupon he the Said Weston Chace is received into membership with us having
the Concurence of the Womens meeting therin

The Committee continued at last meeting in case of Josiah & David Woodwards request
not being ready to report at this time are again continued & desired to report
at next meeting

The Committee appointed at last meeting to labor with Mason Buffinton
inform'd that they have had an opportunity with him & think well of the matter
being continued two month which is accordingly under their Care they then to
Report

Received from Swansey Preparative meeting the following information
(Viz) To Swansey Preparative meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset the 20th of 3 mo 1812

Esteemed Friends
Luther Chace hath So far Deviated from the Established
Rules of friends as to keep Company and proceed in Marriage with one not
a member of our Society

Gideon Chace
Moses Buffinton Jut. } overseers
Joseph Buffinton

Whereupon Gideon Chace & Joseph Buffinton are appointed to labor
with him endeavouring to Convince and reclaim him from his out goings and report
the State of his mind at next meeting

At A Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swan
sey the 30th of 3 mo 1812 the Representatives Named in the
Several accounts are for Swansey David Earl & John Robinson
for Freetown Theophilus Shove & Luther Lincoln all Present Except
John Robinson

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with John Boyce
not being ready to report are again continued & desired to report at next
meeting

The committee continued at last meeting in case of Josiah & David Wood
-words request made a report the consideration & disposal thereof is
refer'd to next meeting

The Committee appointed at last meeting to labor with Luther Chace
made the following report (Viz) To the Monthly meeting of Friends
to be held at Somerset for Swansey the 30th of 3rd mo 1812
We your
Committee according to appointment have labored with Luther Chace
in order to convince and reclaim him. he appearded in Some degree
Sensible of his deviation altho not in a disposition to Condemn the Same
and make friends Satisfaction

Gideon Chace
Joseph Buffinton } Committee

Which this meeting accepts and he the said Luther Chace is hereby denied
a right of membership with us untill he by a circumspect life manifest
a Sincere return haveing the concurence of the womens meeting therein and Moses
Buffinton is appointed to inform him thereof as also his right of appeal

At Swanzey Monthly Meeting held at Somerset 27th of 4th m 1812

The Representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey Benjamin Slade & Theophilus Shove for Freetown David Shove & Edward Shove all Present

The Queries were read and answers from the Several Preparative meetings from which a Summary was agreed on as the State of this meeting which we forward to our next Quarterly meeting by our representatives who are James Maxwell & Benjamin Earl and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute

This meeting Directs our Treasurer to pay the Quarterly meetings Treasurer our ~~[illegible]~~ Proportion of sd meeting Stock

The matter refered ~~at~~ at last meeting respecting Josiah & David Woodwards request coming under consideration at this time & the Committees report thereon being read which is as follows (Viz.) To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swansey the 30th of 3d mth 1812

We your Committee in the Case of Josiah Woodward Jur & David Woodwards request having had Several opportunities with them think it may Safe for us to report in favour of the said Josiahs being received among friends and that for the Subject respecting David Woodward be at present Dismised

Moses Buffinton in behalf of the Committee

which this meeting accepts and he the sd Josiah Woodward ~~of Josiah~~ Jur is received into membership with us having the concurrence of the womens meeting therein

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with John Boyce made following report (Viz.) We your Committee in the case of John Boyce have had Several opportunities with him agreeable to our appointment and believe him to be in a good degree Sincere in his acknowledgement of his misconduct

Swansey 27th of 4th mth 1812 } Benjamin Earl in behalf of the Committee

Which this meeting accepts, also received from him a few Lines condemning his misconduct which is accepted for Satisfaction

The Committee continued in 2d mth last in case of the misconduct of Mason Buffinton reported as follows (Viz.) We the Committee to visit Mason Buffinton on the account of his misconduct have labored with him in order to reclaim him from his out goings but we believe to little or no effect at present

Swansey 27th of 4th mth 1812.

Benjamin Earl
Daniel Brayton
Oliver Chace

Which is accepted & after Deliberate consideration and concurrence of the womens meeting he the Said Mason Buffinton is here by denied a right of membership with us untill he manifest a Sincere return & Antipas Chace is appointed to inform him thereof also his right of appeal

The Committee having the care of Taunton meeting make the following report (Viz) We the Committee in care of Taunton meeting have most of us attended said meeting and it appears that the same has been in a degree reputably kept up and we think it may be safe to continue the meeting under the Care of a Committee
Swansey 26th of 4th mo 1812   Signed in behalf of the Committee
By Daniel Brayton
Sarah Buffinton

Which this meeting accepts and that meeting is continued as heretofore under the care of the former Committee with the addition of Benjamin Slade instead of Amariah Upton deceased they to report in the 4th month next or sooner if in their judgment necessary

The Overseers Presented the following information (Viz) To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swansey the 27th of 4th month 1812
Esteemed Friends
Levi Buffinton hath so far Deviated from the Established rules of Friends as to keep Company & Proceed in marriage with one not a member of our Society for which he hath been Labored with
Gideon Chace } overseers
Moses Buffinton Jur }

Which this meeting accepts and David Earl & Jonathan Earl are appointed to labor with him & endeavor to Convince him of the error of his conduct and report the State of his mind at next meeting

Nathan Buffinton Returned to this meeting a copy of a minute in his favor to the monthly meeting at Greenwich granted him in the 9th mo 1809 with an indorsement thereon from that meeting setting forth his orderly Life & conduct whilst among them

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 25th of 5th mo 1812 the Representatives named in the Preparative meetings are for Swansey Oliver Chace & David Earl for Freetown Theophilus Shove & Abraham Chace all Present

The Friends appointed at last meeting to attend the Quarterly meeting as representatives reported that they all attended & presented to this meeting the printed general Epistle from the yearly meeting of Friends in London for 1811 which being read the Salutary advice contained therein was to our edification

The Committee appointed at last meeting to labor with Levi Buffinton made the following report (Viz) To Swansey Monthly meeting to be held 25th of 5th 1812 — We have had an opportunity with Levi Buffinton agreeable to appointment and he don't appear in a disposition to condemn his going out in marriage } David Earl Jonathan Earl Commit

Which this meeting accepts & he the s.d Levi Suffenton is hereby denied a right of memb^ber^ship with us untill he by a circumspect life manifest a sincere return haveing the concurence of the womens meeting and Oliver Chace is appointed to inform him thereof & also his right of appeal

Received the following (viz) Providence 6th of 5th mo.th 1812

Received of Swanzey Monthly meeting by the hand of Benjamin Slade Ninety Dollars being their Proportion of Quarterly meeting Stock ordered in 11th mo.th 1811 David Anthony Tr. M. T.

At Swanzey Monthly meeting held at Somerset 29th of 6th mo.th 1812 The Representatives named in the Seve-ral acc.ts are for Swanzey Palmer Chace & Jonathan Earl for Freetown Edward Shove & David Shove all Present

It appearing to this meeting that the time for which the overseers of the poor was appointed being expired they are therefor reappointed for that service the ensuing year,

At Swanzey monthly meeting of friends held at Somerset 27th of 7th mo 1812 the Representatives named in the Several ac-counts are, for Swanzey Rufus Smith & Antipas Chace, for Freetown Theophilus ^Shove^ & John Boyce all present,

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from the Several Preparative meetings were read in this from which a summary was agreed on as the State of this meeting & forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by our representatives who are Antipas Chace and Eber Slade, and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute,

At Swanzey Monthly meeting held at Somerset 31st of 8th mo.th 1812 The Representatives Named in the Several acc.ts are for Swanzey Oliver Earl & Eber Slade for Freetown David Shove & Luther Lincoln all Present

The Representatives appointed at last meeting to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended and present-ed the following Extract (Viz.) At Rhode Island Quarterly meeting held at Portsmouth on Rhode Island 6th of 8th mo 1812

It is Concluded that this meeting raise the Sum of Seven

Hundred Dollars (this Sum to include the yearly meeting Stock) and that the Clerk apportion the Same as heretofore and forward the aportionment to each of our monthly meetings. Swansey monthly meetings proportion of said Sum is Seventy-Nine Dollars

Extracted from the Minutes of the meeting afforesaid
by Obadiah Brown Clerk

George Purinton presented to this meeting a few lines condemning his past misconduct, whereupon Daniel Brayton Oliver Chace & Eber Chace are appointed to take an opportunity with him and endeavour to discover the Sincerity of his mind & report at next meeting

William Earl informed this meeting that he requested a few lines to South Kingston Monthly meeting on account of Marriage whereupon Eber Slade & Reuben Chace are appointed to make the neceſsary inquiry and prepare a Certificate for that purpose and present to to next meeting if nothing appears to obstruct

Received and Read to Satisfaction the following Epistle (Viz) — From our Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Newport from the 14th of the Sixth Month 1812 to the 17th of the Same inclusive To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings hereunto belonging — — — — —

Dear Friends

During our deliberations in this our Large Annual Aſsembly we have felt much concern and Solicitude for the welfare of our brethren and Sisters, who though not present with us at this Season are united in a common interest, in those duties in which our future Proſperity and individual happineſs are essentially involved, and our Solicitude hath been for all our members, whether absent or present that we may experience an increased concern to know our obedience keep pace with our knowledge So Shall we be the favoured of the Lord, and witneſs our establishment to be upon that foundation which will be immoveable. while we Lament that there are many who by neglecting a due attention to the Divine Light graciously manifested in man, are Suffering very great Loss we have Comfort in believing that there are others in each meeting who are measurably given up to Seek the Lord for their portion and the god of Jacob for the Lot of their inheritance. May these be encouraged to labour more fervently for an advancement in the precious Cause of truth whereby they will be enabled both by example and precept to encourage their brethren to a faithful discharge of their of their Several duties One of these and a very important one is that of attending religious meetings a duty we owe to the great and benevolent author of every favour we enjoy both of a Spiritual and temporal nature. how can we expect the continuation of his favours, if we do not not feel love Sufficient to be willing to bear a public testimony to his name by aſsembling with his people to render that homage and adoration which we owe to him

We have been Seriously affected with the Consideration that we are
assembled

Aſsembled at a Season in which Calamities of various kinds pervade the Earth some of which have nearly approached our borders. and that from the prevailing Commotions that appear to agitate the Councils of Nations others may be fearfully anticipated. We feel concerned to Communicate to you Some advices upon this Subject from our brethren at their Late yearly meeting at Philadelphia to their members (Viz.) Haveing at the present Season renewedly felt that the testimony we hold against wars and fightings is of very great importance not only as it relates to ourselves and our Country but alſo as it regards the great family of mankind. it has appeared a duty to addreſs you on this very interesting Subject. If for a Special purpose we are Separated from many others who profeſs the name of Christ and if this purpose be that we might shew forth by an innocent nonresisting Spirit the redeeming power of the principle of truth we are placed in a very responsible Station. and to fulfil the duties thereof we must Carefully attend to the charge of our bleſsed Lord what I Say unto you I Say unto all watch — Here as our own Spirits resingnedly Submit to the influences of the Divine Spirit we Learn obedience to his bleſsed will; and untill we Experience this we cannot expect to be as lights in the world nor will it be poſsible to manifest in life and practice ~~as lights in the world~~ that we are made free from that Spirit which Stands in opposition to the peaceable government of Christ. by the testimony of those who have been thus instructed and Disciplined we find they could rejoice that they were counted worthy to Suffer for his name, they knew him to be their all in all and therefore as they were quickened and actuated by his Spirit all worldly objects and intrusts were held in a State of Subserviency or Secondary point of view. Such dedicated followers abideing in the meekneſs and gentleneſs of their heavenly Leader the tenor of their lives and doctrines bore a constant and firm testimony against the corruptions consequent upon the indulgence of the fallen will and wiſdom of man.

The apostle James who was fully acquainted with the root and origin of wars and fightings, thus clearly points it out — "From whence comes wars and fightings? come they not hence, even of your luſt?" Among our worthy predeceſsors there were many witneſses to the truth of this testimony of the apoſtle, who, knowing this scourge of mankind was an evil produced by a practical conformity to fallen nature, were fervently engaged to hold up the light of the Goſple as an infallible guide, and the only means whereby we might individually experience the bleſsed reign of the Messiah in ourselves, and be thereby be instrumental in hastening the ~~day~~ coming of that day spoken of by the Prophets Isaiah and Micah, when nation should not lift up sword againſt nation, nor the people learn war any more. may friends then every where shew that they are walking by the same rule and minding the same thing; thus strength will be experienced to keep upon the immoveable foundation, the corner stone, elect and precious, which God hath laid in Zion!"

In the present aggitation of the publick mind, when the peace and prosperity of our country, with the calamities and horrors of War, appear to be suspended, as it were in an even balance, it highly behoves us, as a people, to be particularly on our guard against the insinuating nature of the spirit of party; and if any, upon a careful examination discover that from this or any other cause, or however unintentionally, they have placed there weight, however small, in the balance against our peaceable profession and testimony, we tenderly and affectionately intreat them to make a Solemn pause.

And dear young Friends we wish it were possible to Convey to your minds a Sense of the fervent Solicitude we feel on your account: for you our petitions are frequently offered that you may become so deeply Sensible of the excellence of a Life of virtue and piety as individually to adopt the noble resolution. Let others do as they may as for me I will Serve the Lord. We are very Sensible that the allurements of vice & folly under many fascinating forms are continually besetting your paths we tenderly Sympathize with you herein and there are who would willingly be led into Suffering for you Could it effect your emancipation from Every hurtful bondage - But as you are disposed to Seek after Divine assistance you will experience an overcoming, and we trust there are many amongst you who will yet evince that the Testimonies given us to bear are dear to them. The time will Soon arrive when their Support will depend upon you and Let us entreat you to Consider that by living Conformably to the pure precepts of Christianity you will appear amongst men with that dignity of Character which no qualification independent of them can confer and will enjoy that happyness which can be derived from no other Source even the happiness resulting from a Life useful to your Cotemporaries and acceptable in the Divine Sight

In the Love of the Gospel we Salute you and are your friends

Signed on behalf of the Meeting by

Samuel Redman Clerk this year

At Swansey Monthly Meeting held at Somerset 28th of 9th mo. 1812

The Representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swansey Benjn. Earl & Daniel Buffinton For Freetown Enoch Boyce & Theophilus Shove Present Benjamin Earl & Daniel Buffinton Satisfactory reason hath been given for the absence of the other

The Committee appointed at last meeting to take an oppertunity with George Purinton reported that they have attended to their & had an oppertunity with him to Some degree of Satisfaction yet think best that the matter be continued a nother month which is accordingly under their Care they then to report

The committee appointed draft a certificate on accpt. of marriage for William Earl Presented one which being read & approved of was Signed by the Clerk

Our Esteemed Friend Benjamin Buffinton in a feeling manner opened in this meeting a Prospect which had been Some time on his mind of accompaning Richard Mowry on a religious visit to Friends in Some parts of the yearly Meeting of Newyork which this meeting unites with he being a member and minister in good esteem the Clerk is directed to furniſh him with a Copy of this minute

The Overſeers preſented the following information (Viz)

To the Monthly Meeting of friends to be held at Somerſet for Swanſey 28th of 9th moth 1812

Esteemed Friends

John Bowdish hath So far Diſreguarded the good order and well known Principle & Testimony of Friends as to almost or quite neglect the attendance of our Religious meetings alſo according to best information from good authority has enlisted & gone a Privateering voyage

Gideon Chace
Joſeph Buffinton
Moſes Buffinton junr } Overſeers

Whereupon Eber Slade & Benjamin Earl are appointed to take an opportunity with him if to be obtained and report their Proſpect in that Case at next meeting

The Overſeers preſented the following information (Viz)

To the Monthly meeting of friends to be held at Somerſet for Swansey the 28th of 9th moth 1812

Esteemed Friends

Benjamin Chace hath So far Diſreguarded the rules of Friends as to keep Company & Proceed in marriage with one not a member of our Society for which he was timely labored with

Gideon Chace
Joſeph Buffinton } overſeers

Whereupon Benjamin Slade & Antipas Chace are appointed to take an opportunity with him & endeavour to convince him of his error & report the State of his mind at next meeting

The 19th of 9th moth 1812 Received of Swanſey Preparative meeting by the hand of Benja Earl Ninety three Dollars & Seventy five Cents in full for their Proportion agreed to be Raiſed in the 11th moth 1811

Benjamin Slade Treaſurer

Received the following (Viz.) To the Monthly meeting to be held the 28th of 9th moth 1812 We your Auditors have Settled the Treaſurers accounts and found due to him Forty Nine Dollars and Twenty five Cents to make the ballance even
Swansey 19th of 9 moth 1812

Antipas Chace
Jonathan Earl } Auditors

This meeting agrees to raiſe Three Hundred Dollars to Supply their Treaſuary & the Clerk is directed to apportion the Same as heretofore & furniſh Each Preparative meeting with a Copy of this minute who are desired to pay the Same to Said Treaſurer & an account thereof to this meeting

At Swanſey Monthly meeting held at Somerſet 26th of 10th moth 1812 The Repreſentatives named in the several accts are for Swanſey Nathan Buffinton & David Earl for Freetown Abraham Chace & Edward Shove all Preſent

The Committee continued at last meeting in the Case of George Purinton made the following report which this meeting accept & is as follows (Viz.) We your Committee in the case of George Purinton have attended thereto and have had several oppertunitys with him to a good degree of Satisfaction and he appears to us to be Sincere

To the monthly meeting of Friends to be }
held at Somerset 26 of 10th mo 1812
Daniel Brayton
Oliver Chace
Eber Chace

Whereupon he the Said George is received into membership with us having the concurence of the womens meeting therein & his paper of acknowledgment directed to be recorded

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from the several Preparative meetings were read in this from which a Summary was agreed on the State of this meeting & forwarded to the Quarterly meeting by our representatives who are Weston Earl Moses Buffinton junr & Abraham Chace & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute

The Committee appointed at last meeting in case of the misconduct of John Bowdish informed that they had no oppertunity with him by reason of his absence & think best that the matter be referd untill next meeting which is accordingly under their care they then desired to report

The Committee appointed at last meeting to labor with Benjn Chace made the following report (Viz) We your Committee in the Case of Benjn Chace have attended to our appointed and had an oppertunity with the Sd Benjamin and endeavoured to convince him of his misconduct which had not its desired affect for he did not appear in a Sutable Disposition to make friends Satisfaction

To the Monthly meeting now siting }
Benjamin Slade
Antipas Chace

Whereupon he the Sd Benjamin Chace is denied a right of membership with us untill he by a circumspect life manifest a Sincere return having the unity of the womens meeting therein and David Earl is appointed to inform him thereof alſo his right of appeal

Our Esteemed Friend Jonathan Chace Opened in this meeting a Prospect which he had on his mind of making a religious visit to friends at Salem and Some parts adjacent if way opened within the verge of that Quarterly meeting he being a member and Minister in good Esteem this meeting unites with his Prospect & the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute

Jonathan Earl & Joseph Buffinton are appointed to make the neceſsary Provision for the Quarterly meeting next to be held at this Place and report the expence at a future meeting

At Swansey Monthly Meeting held at Somerset 30th of 11th mo 1812
The Representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey William Lawton & Benjamin Slade for Freetown Edward Shove & Luther Lincoln all Present Except Luther Lincoln

The Representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting reports that they all attended

The Committee continued at last meeting in the case of John Bowdish not being ready to make a report at this time are again continued and desired to report at next meeting

It appearing to this meeting that the time for which the Overseers were appointed is expired whereupon each Preparative meeting is desired to nominate some suitable Friends for that service & forward their names to our next meeting & the Clerk is directed to furnish ~~them~~ each of sd meeting with a Copy of this minute

Daniel Earl informed this meeting that agreeable to appointment he had informed Benjamin Chace of the Proceedings of this meeting against him

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 28th of 12th mo 1812 The Representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey Benjamin Buffinton & Theophilus Shove For Freetown David Shove & Abraham Chace all Present

The Committee continued at last meeting in case of John Bowdish made the following report which is accepted & is as followeth (Viz.) To the monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset 28th of 12th mo 1812 we your Committee in case of John Bowdish have paid some attention to our appointment & find by inquiry that the sd John hath gone a Privateering voyage & not returned therefore have had no opportunity with him

Benjamin Earl Eber Slade

whereupon he the said John Bowdish is hereby with the concurrence of the womens meeting denied a right of membership with us untill he by a circumspect life manifest a Sincere return & Eber Slade is appointed to inform him thereof also his right of appeal

Swansey Preparative meeting in their account informed that they have nominated Joseph Buffinton & Moses Buffinton jun & Gideon Chace to the place of overseer which being approved in this & the womens meeting they are appointed to that Service for the year ensuing

Swanſey Preparative meeting forwarded to this the following information (Viz.) To the Preparative meeting of Friends to be held at Somerſet 24th of 12th mo 1812

Eſteemed Friends Samuel Slade hath ſo far Diſreguarded the Eſtabliſhed order of Society as to attend Places of Vain amuſement at different times

Gideon Chace
Joſeph Buffinton } overſeers
Moſes Buffinton Jur

whereupon David Earl & Jonathan Chace are appointed to take an opportunity with him, & endeavour to convince him of the inconſistancy of his conduct & report the State of his mind at next meeting

The Committee appointed in the 10th mo last to make proviſion for the Quarterly meeting Reported the expence to be twelve Dollars & thirty three Cents which is allowed by this meeting & our treaſurer is Directed to pay the Same & draw on the Quarterly meetings Treaſurer for that Sum

Our Friend Benjamin Buffinton returned to this meeting Copy of a minute granted him in the 9th mo last and produced the following Copy of a minute from Eaſton Mo meeting (Viz.) Our Eſteemed Friend Benjamin Buffinton attended this meeting in company with our friend Richard Mowry with a certificate of Concurrence from Swanſey monthly meeting held at Somerſet whoſe Company and Labors of Love have been acceptable to us

Signed by direction of our monthly meeting of Eaſton held 15th of 10th moth 1812 _ Nathaniel Starbuck Clerk

At Swanſey Monthly meeting held at Somerſet 25th of 1st mo 1813 The Repreſentatives named in the Several acct. are for Swanſey Jonathan Earl & Anthony Chace for Freetown Edward Shove & John Boyce all preſent

The Queries with anſwers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from the Several Preparative meetings were read in this from which Summary anſwers were agreed on as the State of this meeting & forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting by James Maxwell Jonathan Earl & Joſiah Woodward who are appointed to attend Sd meeting as our Repreſentatives & the Clerk is directed to furniſh them with a Copies of this minute

The time for which the Clerk & aſsistant were appointed being Expired they are therefore reappointed to that Service for the enſuing year

The Committee appointed at last meeting in caſe of Samuel Slade not being ready to report are continued and deſired to report in 3d moth next

This meeting was informed that Abigail Anthony had removed with her husband & Children within the verge of ~~[illegible]~~ Providence Monthly meeting whereupon Reuben Chace & Moſes Buffinton junr are appointed to Join the women in that Case and Prepare a Certificate for her & her Children if nothing appears to obstruct & preſent to next meeting

At Swanzey Monthly meeting held at Somerſet 22nd of 2nd mo. 1813
the Repreſentatives named in Several accts are for Swanzey Benjamin Slade & William Lawton for Freetown Joſiah Woodward & David Shove all Preſent Except Joſiah Woodward

The Repreſentatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended except Joſiah Woodward

The Committee appointed at last meeting to join the women in preparing a Certificate for Abigail Anthony & Children not being ready to report are continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

Freetown preparative meeting have nominated & forwarded in their account the names of Azariah Shove & Theophilus Shove to the Place of Overſeers which being approved of in this and the womens meeting they are appointed for that Service for the year enſuing

Freetown Preparative meeting in their acct informed that Smith Hart has removed within the verge of Dartmouth Monthly meeting whereupon David Earl & Abraham Chace are appointed to prepare a certificate for him & Preſent at next meeting if by inquiry nothing appears to obstruct

The Overſeers preſented to this meeting the following information which is accepted and is as followeth (viz) To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerſet for Swanzey 22nd of 2nd moth 1813 Esteemed Friends
Noah Chace hath So far Diſregarded the Established order of Society as to attend Places of vain recreation Such as dancing, alſo hath joined with others at play in gaming, for which reproachful conduct he hath ~~been~~ from time to time been labored with which hath not had its desired effect

Gideon Chace
Joſeph Buffinton } Overſeers
Moſes Buffinton junr

Whereupon Benjamin Slade & Eber Slade are appointed to take an opportunity with him & endeavour to convince him of the inconsistancy of Such conduct & report the State of his mind at next meeting

It appearing to this meeting that the Friend having the Charge of our book for recording Births Deaths &c. hath of late been removed by Death, therefore Daniel Brayton is appointed to take Charge of Sd book and assist friends in making the necessary records therein agreeable to Diſcipline

At Swanzey Monthly meeting held at Somerset 29th of 3 mo 1813 The Representatives Named in the Several meetings are for Swansey Simpson Buffinton & Palmer Chace for Freetown Edward Shove & David Shove all Present

The Committee continued at last meeting to assist the women in case of Abigail Anthony & Children not being ready to report are again continued & Desired to report at next meeting

The Committee appointed at last meeting to Draught a Certificate on behalf of Smith Hart presented one which being read and approved was signed by the Clerk & Daniel Buffinton is appointed to forward the Same to the place directed

The Committee appointed at last meeting to labor with Noah Chace informed that they have paid some attention to their appointment tho not ready to report they are therefore continued & desired to report at next meeting

The committee continued in the 1st mo last in case of Samuel Slade informed that they had attended to their appointment yet think best that the matter be continued another month which is accordingly under their care they then to report

At Swanzey Monthly meeting held at Somerset 26th of 4th mo 1813 The Representatives named in the Several meetings are for Swanzey Reuben Chace & Ebenr Slade for Freetown Theophilus Shove & Azariah Shove Junr all Present

The Queries with answers from the Several Preparative meetings were read in this from which a Summary was agreed on as the State of this meeting which we forward to the Quarterly meeting to be held at Portsmouth for Rhode Island by our representatives who are Joseph Buffinton William Lawton & Gideon Chace & the Clerk is desired to furnish them with a Copy of this minute

The committee continued at last meeting in case of Noah Chace ~~the following~~ reported as followeth (viz) To the Monthly meeting now sitting — We your Committee appointed to labor with Noah Chace have attended to our appointment & had Several opportunity with him and he does not appear to be in a disposition to make friends Satisfaction

Benjamin Slade
Swanzey 16th 4th mo 1813 Ebenr Slade

Whereupon he the said Noah Chace is hereby with the concurrence of the womens meeting denied a right of membership with us untill he by a circumspect life manifest a Sincere repentance & Reuben Chace is appointed to inform him thereof also his right of appeal

The Committee continued at last meeting in case of Samuel Mead
informed that they have paid attention to their appointment yet think best
that the matter be continued another month which is accordingly under
their care they then desired to report

The Committee having the care of Taunton meeting making make
the following report (Viz) To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held
at Somerset for Swansey 26th of 4th mo 1813 We your committee in care of Taunton
meeting have most of us attended to our appointment and nothing appears
but that the meetings been kept up to some degree of satisfaction & believe it
Safe for said meeting to be continued as heretofore Moses Buffinton
Signed on behalf of said Committee by Mary Earl

Which this meeting accepts and that meeting continued as heretofore
under the care of David Earl Theophilus Shove Jonathan Chace
Benjamin Buffinton & Daniel Brayton they desired to report in the 4th mo
next or sooner if in their judgment necessary

The Committee continued at last meeting to assist the women meet-
ing in case of Abigail Anthony and Children not being ready to
report are again continued & desired to report at next meeting

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset
31st of 5th mo 1813 The Representatives named in the Several auts
are for Swansey Jonathan Earl & Eber Chace for Freetown Enoch
Chace & Theophilus Shove all Present

The Representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting
reported that they all attended except Wm Lawton for whose
nonattendance satisfactory reason was offered and Presented the foll-
owing Extract (Viz) This Meeting having for Several years past
made a general provision for the accommodation of Friends
during their attendance of the yearly meeting at Newport but
finding it attended with inconveniences which have been exer-
cising & uneasy to many friends, we have now concluded under
the present peculiar circumstances, & after solidly considering
the subject, to make but a limited Provision for the Present
year to extend to those only who may feel a concern to attend
the meeting, & apprehend themselves unable to defray their
own expences Friends who have not sufficient knowledge of
suitable places where they may accommodate themselves
as well as those for whom provision is made during the
holding of the yearly meeting are desired to apply to the
Committee of Rhode Island monthly meeting for such information

Extracted from the minutes of the meeting for Sufferings held at East Greenwich the 5th & 6th day of the 5 mo 1813

Samuel Rodman Clerk

At Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at East Greenwich 6th of 5th 1813 the foregoing Minute was read & approved of & the Clerk is directed to transmit Copys of the Same to all our Monthly meetings & Friends are desired to pay attention thereto

Extracted from the Minutes
by Obadiah M Brown Clerk

The committee continued at last meeting in case of Abigail Anthony & Children not being ready to report they are therefore again continued & desired to report at next meeting

The Committee continued at last meeting in case of Samuel Slade made the following report (Viz) To the Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 31st of 5th mo 1813 We your committee according to appointment have had Several opportunities with Samuel Slade and Labored to convince him of his misconduct and he dont appear to be in a disposition to condemn the Same

Jonanthan Chace
David Earl

Which this meeting accepts & he the Sd Samuel with the concurrence of the Womens meeting is hereby denied a right of membership with us untill he by a circumspect life manifest a sincere return and Daniel Brayton is appointed to inform him thereof also his right of appeal

The Friend appointed at last meeting to inform Noah Chace the Proceedings of Sd meeting against him reported that he had given him the necessary information

Our Esteemed Friend Jonathan Chace returned at this time a Copy of a minute granted him in the 10th mo last also presented the following (Viz) To Swansey Monthly Meeting— Our Esteemed Friend Jonathan Chace attended our Monthly meeting in the 12th mo last with a Copy of a minute from your Monthly Meeting dated 26th of 10th mo 1812 Since which he has visited all the families belonging to this meeting whose company & labors were acceptable and Satisfactory

Signed in & on behalf of Salem Monthly Meeting held at Lynn 2nd mo 11.1813,

by Daniel Johnson }
Mary Newhall } Clerks

Received & read to our satisfaction and Comfort the Printed general Epistle from the yearly Meeting in London for 181

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet 28th of 6th mo 1813 The Repreſentatives named in the several accts are for Swansey Jonathan Chace & Robinson Buffinton for Freetown Abraham Chace & Edward Shove all Present

The Friend appointed at last meeting to inform Samuel Slade the Proceeding of the meeting against him reported that he had given him the neceſsary information

The Committee continued at last meeting in case of Abigail Anthony & Children not being ready to report are again continued & desired to report at next meeting

David Shove informed this meeting that he requested a few lines to Rhode Island Monthly meeting on account of marriage whereupon Edward Shove & Joseph Buffinton are appointed to make the neceſsary inquiry & Prepare a Certificate for that Purpose & present to next meeting if nothing appears to obstruct

At Swansey Monthly Meeting held at Somerſet 26th of 7th mo 1813 the Repreſentatives named in the Several accounts are for Swansey Nathan Buffinton & Palmer Chace for Freetown Theophilus Shove & Azariah Shove Jur all Present

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from the Several Preparative meetings were read in this from which a Summary was agreed on as the State of this meeting which are directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting to be held at Portsmouth on Rhode Island by our repreſentatives who are Eber Slade Robinson Buffinton & Weston Earl and the Clerk is desired to furnish them with a Copy of this minute

The committee continued at last meeting in case of Abigail Anthony & Children not being ready to report are again continued and desired to report at next meeting

The committee appointed at last meeting in case of David Shoves request for a certificate on account of marriage Presented one which being read was approved & Signed by the Clerk

Recd from Rhode Island Monthly meeting a removal Certificate on behalf of Anthony Shove which is directed to be recorded

At Swansey Monthly meeting held at Somerſet 30th of 8th mo 1813. The Repreſentatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey Reuben Chace & Oliver Earl for Freetown Edward Shove & John Boyce all Present Except John Boyce

The Repreſentatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting Reported that they all attended

The Committee continued at last meeting in case of Abigail Anthony and Children not being ready to report at this time are again continued & desired to report at next meeting

Swansey Preparative meeting in their account informed that Edmond Chace Propoſed to Offer his intention of Marriage with Phebe Slade at this meeting who accordingly appeared with her and declared their intention of taking Each other in Marriage and Joſeph Buffinton and Jonathan Earl are appointed to make the neceſsary inquiery respecting the Clearneſs of the sd Edmond & report at next meeting

Antapas Chace requested a few lines to Rhodeisland Monthly meeting on account of Marriage whereupon Gideon Chace & Daniel Brayton are appointed to make the neceſsary inquiery in that case and prepare a Certificate for him & Preſent to next meeting if nothing appears to obstruct

At Swanzey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerſet the 27th of 9th mo 1813 The Repreſentatives named in the Several accounts are for Swansey Stephen Chace & Nathan Chace for Freetown Abraham Chace & Luther Lincoln all Preſent Except Luther Lincoln

The committee continued at last meeting in case of Abigail Anthony & Children reported that there was a Proſpect of their returning to live within the verge of this meeting whereupon said Committee are continued to have the Charge of that matter & report at a future meeting when in their judgment neceſsary

The Committee appointed at last meeting to enquire into the Clearneſs of Edmond Chace's Proceeding in marriage with Phebe Slade reported that nothing appears to obstruct said procedure therefore they are at liberty to accomplish their sd intention agreable to Diſcipline and Joſeph Buffinton & Benjamin Buffinton are appointed to See said Marriage Solemnized and report thereof at next meeting

The Committee appointed at last meeting in case of Antapas Chace's request for a Certificate on account of marriage presented one which being read was approved & Signed by the Clerk

This meeting being informed that Edmond Chace requests that a meeting be appointed on fifth day next at the Second hour in the afternoon for the accomplishment of his marriage which after deliberate consideration is granted & sd meeting appointed at this house accordingly

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerſet 25th of 10th mo 1813 The Repreſentatives named in the Several accounts are for Swansey Oliver Chace & Palmer Chace for Freetown Theophilus Shove & Aziriah Shove Junr all Preſent

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from the Several Preparative meetings were read in this from which a summary was agreed on

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as the State of this meeting which are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting next to be held at this place by our Representatives who are Oliver Chace Benjamin Slade & Theophilus Shove - and the Clerk directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute.

The committee appointed at last meeting to attend the Marriage of Edmond Chace & Phebe Slade reported that nothing appeared but that good order was observed and the marriage Certificate Recorded

The overseers Presented to this meeting the following information which is accepted and is as followeth (Viz) To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swansey 25th of 10th mo. 1815 — Dear Friends

We hereby inform that Rufus C Smith having for sometime resided within the verge of this meeting with a Copy of a minute from Smithfield Monthly meeting and hath so far deviated from good order and the Established Rules of Society as to be in the Practice of gaming. also attended a Place of vain recreation such as dancing. and Places of Publick resort for which offences he hath been labored with

Moses Buffinton Jun.
Joseph Buffinton } overseers

Whereupon Nathan Chace & Jonathan Chace are appointed to treat with him in order to convince & reclaim him from such disorderly conduct and report the State of his mind at next meeting

Jonathan Earl & Joseph Buffinton are appointed to make the necessary Provision for the Quarterly meeting next to be held at this Place and report the Expence thereof at a future meeting

This meeting directs our Treasurer to pay to the Quarterly meetings Treasurer our Proportion of sd. meeting Stock for the year 1814

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 19th of 11th mo. 1815 The Representatives named in the several acts are for Swansey Robinson Buffinton & Benjamin Buffinton for Freetown Samuel Shove & Theophilus Shove all Present

The Committee appointed at last meeting to labor with Rufus C. Smith informed that they had paid some attention to their appointment tho not ready to report. they are ~~[illegible]~~ therefore continued for that service & desired to report at next meeting

The Committee continued in the 9th mo. last in case of Abigail Anthony & Children reported that they have returned to live within the verge of this meeting whereupon said committee are discharged

The Representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended

The London Printed General Epistle for the year 1815 was read at this time to our Edification & Comfort

This meeting being informed that John Robinson has removed to live within the verge of Smithfield Monthly meeting also that Stephen Chace 2nd had removed to live within the verge of Acoaxet Monthly meeting. whereupon Daniel Brayton & Gideon Chace are appointed to prepare certificates for Each of them & present to next meeting if nothing appears to obstruct

Received the following (viz) Swanzey Monthly meeting Proportion of Stock agreed to be raised to supply the Quarterly meetings treasury is sixty Dollars — Extracted from the minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly meeting held at Somerset 4th of 11th mo 1813

by Obadiah M Brown Clerk

Received of Swanzey Monthly meeting by the hand of Benjamin Slade Seventy nine Dollars being their Proportion of Stock ordered in 1812

Swanzey 11th mo 4th 1813 Obadh M Brown for David Anthony Treasurer

28th of 10th mo 1813 Recd of Swanzey Preparative meeting By the hands of the Committee appointed to collect the same one Hundred & Eighty seven Dollars & fifty Cents their Proportion of Three hundred Dollars ordered in 9th mo 1812

Benjamin Slade Treasurer

To the Monthly Meeting now Siting
We your audit have settled the Overseers and Treasurers accts and find a ballance in the Treasurers hands of ten Dollars, and find due to the Overseers two Hundred & fourty Six Dollars & Nineteen Cents ——
and Due from Freetown Preparative meeting thirty six Dollars

Swanzey 11th mo 29th 1813

Jonathan Earl
Antipas Chace } audit

Whereupon this meeting agrees to raise the sum of three Hundred Dollars to supply our Treasury, and the Clerk is desired to furnish Each Preparative meeting with a Copy of this minute also their Proportion of Said Sum agreeable to last apportionment

At Swansey Monthly Meeting held at Somerset 27th of 12th mo 1813 The Representatives named in the several Prep are for Swansey William Lawton & Nathan Slade for Freetown Edward Shove & David Shove all Present

The committee continued at last meeting in case of Rufus C Smith not being ready to report are again continued & Desired to report at next meeting

The Committee appointed at last meeting to Draugh Certificates for John Robinson & Stephen Chace 2nd presented one for Each of them which being read were approved of & signed by the Clerk & Gideon Chace is appointed to forward them to the Places Directed

Swansey Preparative Meeting forwarded to this the following (viz)
To the Preparative meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swansey ~~the~~
23rd of 12th mo 1813
Esteemed Friends
Robert Slade hath so far Disregarded the established Rules of Friends as to keep Company and Proceed in marriage with one not a member of our Society

Gideon Chace
Joseph Buffinton } overseers

Whereupon Antipas Chace & Eber Chace are appointed to take an opportuni=
=ty with him & endeavour to convince him of the inconsistency of his conduct
with our Profession & report the State of his mind at next meeting
The committee appointed in the 12th mo. last to make provision for the
Quarterly meeting reported the expence thereof to be ten Dollars which
being allowed by this meeting our Treasurer is Directed to pay the same &
draw on the Quarterly meeting Treasurer for that sum & the Clerk
is desired to furnish him with a Copy of this minute

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset ~~Freetown~~
the 25th of 1st mo. 1814 The Representatives named in the Several
accts are for Swansey Moses Buffinton Jun.r & Weston Chace
for Freetown Abraham Chace & Theophilus Shove all Present
The Queries with Answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from the Several
Preparative meetings were read in this from which general answers
were agreed on as the State of this meeting and the Clerk directed to
forward the same with a Copy of this minute to our next Quarterly
meeting to be held at Providence for Rhode Island by our represen=
=tatives who are Moses Buffinton Jun.r Benjamin Slade & Eber Chace
One of the Committee continued at last meeting in case of Rufus C.
Smith informed that they was not ready to report at this time therefore
they are again continued & desired to report at next meeting
The committee appointed at last meeting to labor with Robert
Slade informed that they had paid some attention to their appoint
ment tho not ready to report at this time are continued and desired
to report at next meeting
It appearing to this meeting that the time for which the Overseers
of the Poor was appointed is expired whereupon they are reappointed
for that Service the year ensuing. Namely Reuben Chace Oliver
Chace Moses Buffinton Jun.r Jeremiah Shove & Theophilus Shove
with the addition of Abraham Chace

At Swansey Monthly Meeting held at Somerset
19th of 2nd mo. 1814 The Representatives named in the
Several accts are for Swansey Joseph Buffinton & Jonathan
Earl for Freetown David Shove & Edward Shove all Present
The committee continued at last meeting in case of Rufus C Smith
Reported that they have had Several satisfactory opportunities
with him and that he appears to be Sensible of his out goings &
disposed to make friends Satisfaction

they also Presented from him the following acknowledgement which is accepted for Satisfaction (viz) To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swansey the 28th of 2nd mo 1814

Dear Friend — Whereas I some time past through unwatchfulness to the dictates of Truth & good order of Society have been in the Practice of gaming and attended Places of vain Recreation & Publick resort. for which reprochful Conduct I am Sincerely sorry for and Desire Friends to pas by my offences Rufus G. Smith

The Clerk informed this meeting that the time for which he together with the assistant Clerk were appointed is expired they are therefore reappointed to that Service for the ensueing year

The Representatives appointed last mo to attend the Quarterly meeting Reported that they all attended

The committee continued at last meeting in case of Robert Slade made the following report (viz) To the Monthly Meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swansey the 28th of 2d Mo 1814

We your Committee according to appointment have had Several opportunity with Robert Slade and we find him in no disposition of mind to make friends Satisfaction

Antipas Chace
Eber ~~Slade~~ Chace

which this meeting accepts & he the said Robert Slade is hereby denied a right of membership with us untill he manifest a sincere return & Oliver Chace is appointed to inform him thereof also his right of Appeal

It appearing to this meeting that the time for which the Overseers were appointed is expired whereupon Each Preparative meeting are desired to nominate some Sutable Friends [illegible] for that Service & forward their names to our next meeting & the Clerk is derected to furnish each Preparative meeting with a Copy of this minute

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 28th of 3rd mo 1814 The Representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey Robinson Buffinton & Eber Chace for Freetown Hiriah Shove Junr ~~all Present~~ & Theophilus Shove all Present

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 25th of 4th mo 1814 The Representatives named in the accounts are for Swansey David Earl & Abener Slade for Freetown Samuel Shove & John Boyce all Present

The Queries with answers from the Several Preparative meetings were read in this from which general answers was agreed on as the state of this meeting which with an account is directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting to be held at East Greenwich for Rhode Island by the Representatives who are Moses Buffinton Junr Palmer Chace & Theophilus Shove

Swansey Preparative meeting in their account inform'd that Clerk Shove Propose to offer his intention of marriage with Elizabeth Slade at this meeting they accordingly appeared and expresed their intention of takeing each other in marriage who are desired to wait untill our next Monthly meeting for an answer and Eber Chace & David Earl are appointed to make the necessary inquiery into the Clearness of the said Clerk and report thereof at next Mo^{ly} meeting

The Committee in care of Taunton meeting Presented the following Report (to wit) We the committee in care of Taunton meeting have most of us at Several times attended S^d meeting to a degree of Satisfaction and nothing appears but that the meeting has been kept up to a good degree of reputation and we beleive that the continuance of a meeting at that place as heretofore would be useful which we Submit
4th mo 25th 1814 Signed on behalf of the Committee by { Benjamin Buffinton
Mary Earl

Which is accepted and the meeting continued accordinly under their Care of the Same Committee they to report in the fourth month next or Sooner if to them it appears necessary

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset the 30th of 5th mo 1814 The Representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swansey Reuben Chace & Benjamin Slade for Freetown John Boyce & Edward Shove all Present

The Representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended

The Committee appointed at last meeting to inquire into the clearness of Clerk Shoves proceeding in marriage with Elizabeth Slade reported that nothing appeared to them to obstruct S^d Procedure, they are therefore at liberty to accomplish their S^d intention agreeable to Discipline & Benjamin Buffinton & Daniel Brayton are appointed to See said Marriage Solemnized and report thereof at next meeting & by request a meeting is appointed for that purpose to be held at this house on fifth day next at the 2nd hour in the after noon

Freetown Preparative meeting in their account informed that they had nominated Theophilus Shove & Abraham Chace to the place of Overseers which after having the concurrence of the womens meeting is united with and they appointed to that Service for the ensueing year

Swanzey Preparative Meeting forwarded to this the following information (Viz) — — — —

To the Preparative Meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset 26th of 5th mo 1814 Dear Friends. Edward Chace 2nd hath so far deviated from the Established rules of friends as to keep Company and proceed in marriage with one not a member of our Society for which he hath been labored with

Joseph Buffinton } Overse
Gideon Chace

Whereupon Jonathan Chace & Jonathan Earl are appointed to Labor with him and endeavour to convince him of his out goings and report the state of his mind at next meeting

The Overseers Presented to this meeting the following information (viz) To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swansey the 30th of 5th mo 1814 Dear Friends

Abraham Shove hath so far Disregarded the established Rules of Friends and good order of Society as to be in the practice at times of partaking so freely of spirituous liquors, as to be intoxicated thereby for which reproachful conduct he hath from time to time been labored with in order to convince him of the inconsistency thereof which hath not had its desired effect

Gideon Chace
Joseph Buffinton overse
Moses Buffinton Jur

whereupon Daniel Brayton & Moses Buffinton are appointed to take an opportunity with him and endeavour to convince & reclaim him and report the state of his mind at next meeting

Received from Providence Monthly meeting a few lines by way of Removal Certificate on behalf of John Earl which is directed to be Recorded

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 27th of 6th mo 1814 The representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swansey David Earl & Stephe Chace for Freetown David Shove & Theophilus Shove all prese

The committee appointed to attend the marriage of Clark Shove reported that they attended & nothing appeared to them but that the same was [illegible] Solemnized to the good order of Friends & that the marriage Certificate was recorded

The committee appointed at last meeting in case of Edward Chace 2nd informed that they have had an opportunity with him yet think best that the matter be continued another month which is accordingly under their care they then desired to report

The committee appointed at last meeting in case of Abraham Shove informed that they have had several opportunities with him yet think best the matter be continued another month which is [illegible] accordingly under their care they then desired to report

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 25th of 7th mo 1814 The Representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey Jonathan Earl & Gideon Chace for Freetown Abraham Chace & Edward Shove all Present

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd--10th from the Several Preparative meetings was read in this from which general Answers was agreed on as the State of this meeting and directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting next to be held at Portsmouth on Rhode Island by Gideon Chace John Earl & Eber Chace who are appointed to attend Said meeting as our representatives and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute

The committee in care of the matter respecting Edward Chace 2nd informed that they were not ready to make a full report at this time which matter is continued and the committee desired to report at next meeting

The Committee in case of Abraham Shove made report as follows (Viz)

Somerset 25th of 7th mo 1814

We the Committee in case of Abraham Shove have continued our care in that matter and we do not find any encouragement to continue the Subject any longer

Moses Buffinton
Daniel Brayton

and the further proceeding thereon refered to next meeting for consideration

Swansey Preparative meeting in their accts inform that they have nominated Moses Buffinton Jun Joseph Buffinton & Eber Chace to the place of Overseers which meeting the approbation of this meeting and with the concurence of the womens meeting they according are appointed for the year insueing

This meeting was informed that Wm Lawton Jun had removed with his family within the verge of East Greenwich Monthly meeting and requests our Certificate whereupon Daniel Brayton & Gideon Chace are appointed to take the necessary care in that case and if way appears Clear to prepare Such Certificate and present at next meeting

Freetown Preparative meeting in their accts inform that John Upton acquanted that meeting of his proposing his intention of marriage with Mary Shove 2d at this meeting they accordingly appeard and expresed their intention of takeing each other in marriage who are Desired to wait untill the next siting of this meeting for an answer he the said John Upton having produced the necessary Certificate on that acount from the Monthly meeting of East Hoosuck

And by request of the said John Upton & Mary Shove this meeting adjurne untill the 8th day of 8th mo next at the 1st hour in the afternoon in order that they may receive the meetings answer respecting the clearness of their said intention of Marriage the adjuirnment to be held at Friends meeting house in Freetown

8th Day of 8th moth met according to adjournment Representatives being Called are all Present after due inquiery being made - nothing appearing to this meeting to obstruct the Proceeding in marriage of John Upton & Mary Shove they are at liberty to accomplish the same agreable to the good order established among Friends and Benjamin Buffinton & Daniel Brayton are appointed to see said marriage Solemnized & marriage Certificate recorded and by request of the Sd John Upton a meeting is appointed for that purpose to be held at this house the 2d hour this afternoon

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 29th of 8th mo 1814 The Representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey James Maxwell & Oliver Earl for Freetown Theophilus Shove & Luther Lincoln all Present

The Representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that all attended

The committee continued at last meeting in case of Edward Chace 2nd reported that they had attended to their appointment & that he hath a desire to be continued under the care of Friends and appeared to be Sincere therein - He the said Edward also presented a paper condemning his misconduct which not being Satisfactory said committee are Continued to have the care of that matter and report at next meeting

The Subject respecting Abraham Shove refered at last meeting coming under consideration at this time after deliberation thereon and by request of Some friends the disposal thereof is again refered to next meeting

The Comttee appointed at last meeting to preparative a certificate for William Lawton junr & family Presented one which being approved of by this and the womens meeting was Signed by the Clerks & Daniel Brayton is appointed to forward it to the place directed

The Friends appointed at last meeting to attend the marriage of John Upton & Mary Shove 2nd Reported that they attended & nothing appeared to them - but that Sd marriage was orderly Solemnized & that the certificate is recorded

The Subject of makeing a fence across the lot on which this house stands so as to enclose our burying ground claiming the attention of this meeting Benjamin Slade James Maxwell Reuben Chace & Oliver Chace are appointed to make such fence & alteration in & upon this & adjoining lot as in their judgment appears necessary & endeavour to collect by subscription Sufficient to Defray

The expence thereof & report their proceedings to a future meeting when in their Judgment necessary

It appearing to this meeting necessary that there be an addition & some Repares on Friends meeting house at Taunton Whereupon we appoint Josiah Woodward Luther Lincoln Benjamin Slade & Jonathan Chace to make an addition of twelve feet to the length of sd house & such alterations & repars thereon as in their Judgment shall appear necessary & also to collect what friends are disposed to subscribe towards defraying the expences thereof & report their proceedings thereof at a future Meeting

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 26th of 9th mo 1814 The Representatives named in the several accounts are for Swansey Benjamin Buffinton & Palmer Chace for Freetown Aziriah Shove & David Shove all Present Except Palmer Chace for whose absence Satisfactory reason hath been given.

The committee continued at last meeting in case of Edward Chace informed, that they had taken the necessary care respecting that matter and the said Edward also presented the following paper condemning his misconduck (Viz) To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swansey 26 of 9th mo 1814 -- Dear Friends

Whereas I have kept Company and proceeded in marriage with one not a member of Society contrary to the Established order of Friends, which practice I sincerely condemn and desire friends to pass by my offence and continue me under your Christian Care

From your Friend —— Edward Chace

which with the concurence of the womens meeting is accepted for Satisfaction

The subject respecting Abraham Shove refered at last meeting coming under consideration at this time & by the request of some friends the disposal thereof is again referd to next meeting

Received from the Monthly meeting of Friends at Greenwich a removal certificate on behalf of John Borden jun which is accepted and directed to be recorded.

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 31 of 10th mo 1814 The Representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swansey Daniel Buffinton & David Earl for Freetown Edward Shove & Abraham Chace all Present

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from the Several Preparative meetings were read in this from which general answers were agreed on as the State of this meeting & are forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting to be held at Somerset by our representatives who are Reuben Chace Eber Slade and Abraham Chace & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute

The Subject respecting Abraham Shove refer'd at last meeting coming under consideration at this time is again contenued as heretofore

Received at this the following Extract (Viz) This meeting haveing obtained information by the reading of the minutes of the meeting for Sufferings that a Suitable Lot for the erection of buildings to accommodate a Yearly Meeting School, containing about fourty three acres in the vicinity of Providence had been offered for that purpose by our friend Moses Brown to this yearly meeting - And the meeting for Sufferings having Satisfied themselves through the report of a committee of their appointment, that the Lot affords a Pleasant and healthful Situation, to erect Suitable buildings upon for this desirable object - which has many years occasionally occupied the Serious attention of this meeting. And having at this time a renued engagement for the guarded education of our youth, and a very general agreement being manifested that the time has arrived wherein it may be entered upon, with a better prospect of accomplishing the benevolent design than has been heretofore presented to our view - The present amount of the fund Subscribed for this purpose with its intrest is upwards of $ 9000 which is considered inadequate to the expences which will attend the erection of Sutable buildings, and to defray the other expences of the institution, we therefore recommend to friends to aid the present fund by Subscriptions in their freedom and forward to the meeting for Sufferings an acct of the Sums that they may be qualified to act therein

We tenderly exhort friends to be liberal in their Subscriptions according to the means afforded them remembering that we are only Stewards of the goods we possess - that we hold them by a very uncertain tenure and that a rightious and benevolent disposition of a part of them, may produce a blesing upon the remainder

Extracted from the minutes of the yearly meeting held at Rhode Island from the 12th to 15th of 6th mo 1814 inclusive Samuel Rodman Clerk to the meeting this year

Whereupon James Maxwell Oliver Chace & Theophilus Shove are appointed to take Subscriptions of Friends for the above object & report when in their judgment necessary

Benjamin Slade Nathan Slade & Weston Earl are appointed to make the necessary provision for the Quarterly meeting next to be held at this place & present their accts at a future meeting

Swansey Preparative meeting presented the following information - (Viz.) To the Preparative meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset 27 of 10th mo 1814, Dear Friends Samuel Chace 2nd hath so far deviated from the Established rules of Friends as to keep Company & Proceed in marriage with one not a member of our Society

Joseph Buffinton
Eber Chace

Whereupon David Earl & Eber Slade are appointed to take an opportunity with him and endeavour to convince him of the inconsistency of his conduct with our Profession & report the state of his mind at next meeting

By information from our Treasurer it appeared that Freetown Preparative meeting are deficient in paying their Proportion of Sums heretofore agreed by this meeting to be paid into the Treasury whereupon David Earl Eber Chace Joseph Buffinton & Daniel Buffinton are appointed to visit that meeting & endeavour to ascertain their reasons for withholding & report to next meeting

30th of 10th mo 1814 Received of Jonathan Earl for Swansey Preparative meeting one hundred & Eighty Seven Dollars and fifty Cents in full for Sd Preparative meetings Proportion agreed to in 11th mo 1813

Benjamin Slade Treasurer

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 28th of 11th mo 1814, The Representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey William Earl & Gideon Chace for Freetown David Shove & Theophilus Shove all Present Except William

The Representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended

The Subject respecting Abraham Shove continued at last meeting coming [illegible] under consideration at this time is Continued for two months under the Care of Abraham Chace & David Earl they then to report

The Committee appointed at last meeting in case of Samuel Chace 2nd informed that they have attended to their appointment & that Sd Samuel desired Friends to wait with him whereupon the Subject is continued under their Care & they desired to report in the 1st month next

Received from Rhode Island Monthly meeting the following Extract (viz) The Preparative meeting of Portsmouth informs that Darious P. Lawton has gone to reside a few months within the limits of Swansey Monthly meeting and requested a few lines certifying his right of membership these may inform that he and Susanna his wife are members in Esteem with us. the Clerk is directed to forward to Swansey Monthly meeting a Copy of this minute

Extracted from the Minutes of Rhode Island Monthly meeting
held the 27th of 10th mo 1814

David Williams }
Hannah Gould Jr } Clerks

The Committee appointed at last meeting to visit Freetown Preparative meeting reported at this time which is accepted & is as followeth (Viz) We your Committee according to appointment most of us have visited Freetown Preparative meeting & endeavoured to ascertain from sd meeting the reason for their deficiency in not paying their Proportions to the Monthly meetings Treasury heretofore agreed by sd Monthly meeting and find by their information that their last apportionment is not one half subscribed & but little incouragement for much addition from the delinquents — and their former apportionment before the last nearly one third behind and their members had generally subscribed to it what they had a freedom to pay — they also informed that they believed their Proportion stood too high in the Monthly meeting

Swansey 27 of 11th mo 1814

David Earl }
Eber Chace } Committee
Joseph Buffinton }

Whereupon David Shove Theophilus Shove Benjamin Slade Benjamin Earl Jonathan Earl & Luther Lincoln are appointed to apportion the Sum of Three Hundred Dollars agreed at this time to be raised to supply our Treasury among such individual members as appear to them in circumstances to contribute; & that part of the sum which may fall on the members of each Preparative meeting is to be considered as sd meetings respective apportionment & said committee are also to judge what part if any of the deficiency now due from Freetown Prepatitive meeting ought to be relinquished

This meeting being informed that Stephen Buffinton was gone to reside within the verge of Dartmouth Monthly meeting & requested a few lines by way of certificate he being a member of this meeting & of orderly life & conversation whilst amongst us. the Clerk is Directed to send sd mo ly meeting a Coy of this minute

At Swanzey Monthly meeting of friends held at Somerset the 26th of 12th mo 1814 The Representatives named in the several accts are for Swansey Benjamin Slade & Stephen Chace for Freetown Theophilus Shove & Azariah Shove all Present

The Committee appointed at last meeting to apportion the Sum of three hundred Dollars amongst the members of this meeting made the following which is accepted & is as followeth (Viz) We your Committee appointed to apportion the sum of three hundred Dollars upon the members of the Monthly meeting, have agreed that Swansey preparative meeting proportion be two hundred and ten dollars Freetown preparative meetings Proportion Ninety Dollars and So on in the same proportion for any Sum agreed to be raised in furture, and the Committee further agrees that of the Sum of ninety nine dollars which is behind in Freetown preparative meeting Swanzey Preparative meeting Shall raise Fourty five Dollars and Freetown preparative meeting the remainder which is fifty four Dollars

Signed on behalf of the Committee by { Benjamin Slade
Theophilus Shove

A Copy of which the Clerk is directed to forward to Each Preparative meeting together with a Copy of the above minute and said Committee are desired to proceed and apportion the above sums among the individial member of this meeting agreable to their appointment and endiviour to Collect the Same

This meeting being informed that Job Anthony minor had gone to reside within the verge of Providence Monthly meeting, he being a member of this meeting the Clerk is directed to forward to Said Monthly meeting a Copy of this minute

At Swanzey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 30th of 1st mo 1815 - The Representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey Daniel Brayton & Simpson Buffinton for Freetown Edward Shove & Enoch Boyce who being called are all Present Except Enoch Boyce

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from the Several Preparative meetings were read in this from which a Summary was agreed on as the State of this meeting and forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting to be held at Providence by Benjamin Slade Eber Chace & John Earl who are appointed to attend Said meeting as our Representatives - This meeting also directs our Treasurer to pay sd Quarterly meeting Treasurer our proportion of that meeting Stock - for - 1813 and the Clerk is directed to furnish our representative with a Copy of this minute

The matter respecting Abraham Shove continued in 11th moth last coming under consideration at this time, is again continued under the Care of the Same Committee another month they then desired to report

The committee in case of Samuel Chace 2nd not being ready to report are continued & desired to report at next meeting

The Overseers Presented the following information (Viz) To the Monthly meeting of friends at Somerset 30th of 1st mo 1815

Esteemed Friends John Borden jur hath Deviated from the good Rules of Friends as to keep Company and Proceed in marriage with one not a member of our Society which we submit to the meeting

Moses Buffinton jur } overseers
Eber Chace }

Whereupon Eber Slade & Benjamin Slade are appointed to take an oppertunity with him and endeaviour to Convince him of the inconsistency of his conduct with our profession & report the State of his mind at next meeting

The overseers Presented an information of the misconduct of Samuel Purinton which is accepted & is as followeth (Viz) To Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset 30th of 1st mo 1815 Dear Friends

Samuel Purinton hath So far disreguarded the Established rules of Friends as to keep company and Proceed in marriage with one not a member of our Society

Joseph Buffinton 2nd } overseers
Moses Buffinton jur }

Whereupon we appoint Jonathan Earl & Benjamin Buffinton to labor ~~with~~ with him & endeavour to convince him of the inconsistancy of his conduct with our Profession & report the State of his mind at next meeting

The Committee appointed in the 12th mo last to make Provision for the Quarterly meeting last held at Somerset, reported that they had attended to their appointment and that the expence there of is $13:67 cts which is allowed by this meeting & our Treasurer is directed to pay the Same and draw on the Quarterly meeting Tresurer for that Sum & the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 27th of 2nd mo 1815 The Representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey William Earl & William hawton for Freetown Abraham Chace & David Shove all Present Except William hawton for whose absence Satisfactory reasons hath been given

The representatives appointed at last meeting to attend the Quarterly meeting Reported that they all attended & presented the following extract (Viz) At Rhodeisland Quarterly Meeting held at [illegible] 2nd mo 2nd day 1815 The Committee appointed at last meeting to visit Plain

Meeting & make report on the Subject of building a meeting House at that Place having paid attention to their appointment & being of opinion that it would redound to the Honor of Truth that a meeting House be built at that Place this meeting unites with them in sentiment so far as to leave Greenwich Monthly meeting at liberty to build Sd House the Cost of which was estimated about six Hundred Dollars of which that meeting has Subscribed $252 & Individual friends $125 in addition thereto. this meeting Recommends to Friends Individually to subscribe in freedom & send up the money Subscribed to that Monthly meeting as soon as may be also Concluded to rase the Sum of four hundred Dollars to supply our treasury. Swanzey Monthly meetings proportion of said sum as apportioned by the Representatives to Last Quarter is forty Dollars which sum they are desired to raise & pay our Treasurer by next Quarter

Extracted from the minutes of the
Meeting aforesaid by Obadiah M Brown Clerk

Whereupon Joseph Buffinton Eber Slade & Abraham Chace are appointed to take subscriptions of from such friends as are free towards defraying the expence of building said meeting house at Plainfield and they desired to report in 4th mo next

Received from the Meeting for Sufferings the following (viz)

At a Meeting for Sufferings held at Providence 1st of 2nd mo 1815

The Subject of reference at last meeting respecting the publication of the Treatise on Baptism by William Dell coming under Consideration, it is the conclusion of this meeting that an edition of the same be reprinted. Moses Brown and Obadiah M Brown are appointed to Consult with some Printer on the subject, and encourage subscriptions by sending a Copy of this minute to all our Monthly meetings and report accordingly at next meeting

Extracted from the minutes of the meeting aforesaid
by Obadiah M Brown Clerk for the time

N B The object of the meeting for Sufferings, in thus applying to our Monthly meetings, is, that returns may be made to the above-named Committee by the 1st of 5th mo next in order to know how large an edition to Print, expecting the price of Each pamphlet will be according probably not exceeding six or Eight Cents. whereupon John Earl Robinson Buffinton & Azariah Shove are appointed to take subscriptions for Sd pamphlets & report in the 4th mo next

The matter Respecting Abraham Shove coming under consideration & the committee reporting that there was not much prospect of his recovery, but judge it to be for the reputation of Friends that he be disowned, whereupon with the concurrence of the womens meeting he the Said Abraham Shove is hereby denied a right of membership with us untill he by a circumspect life manifest a sincere return & Abraham Chace is appointed to inform him thereof also his right of appeal and Daniel Brayton & Joseph Buffinton are appointed to draught a testimony of denial against him & present it to next meeting

The Committee appointed at last meeting in care of John Borden junr reported as follows (Viz) To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset 27th of 2nd mo 1815 We your Committee appointed at last meeting in case of John Borden junr have attended to our appointment & had an opportunity with him he doth not appear to us to be in a disposition to make friends satisfaction

Eber Slade
Benjamin Slade

Which this meeting accepts & he the Sd John Borden junr with the concurrence of the womens meeting is hereby denied a right of membership with us untill untill he by a circumspect life manifest a sincere return & Robinson Buffinton is appointed to inform him thereof also his right of appeal

The Committee continued at last meeting in case of Samuel Chace 2nd reported as follows (Viz) To the monthly meeting of Friends now sitting We your Committee in case of Samuel Chace 2nd have had several opportunity with him & he appears willing & desirous to make friends satisfaction

2nd mo 27th 1815

David Earl
Eber Slade

which this meeting accepts — Said Samuel also presented a paper condemning his misconduct which was read & after deliberation thereon is ~~continued~~ continued to next meeting under the care of Sd Committee they then desired to report

The committee ~~continued~~ appointed at last meeting in case of Samuel Purinton reported that they have attended to their appointment & that he is desirous of makeing Friends satisfaction the subject is again continued under their care they desired to report at next meeting

The overseers Presented the following information (Viz) To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset 27th of 2nd mo 1815

Dear Friends — Rufus C. Smith hath been so inattentive to the Dictates of truth & good order of Society as almost wholely to neglect the attendance of our religious meetings, attended Places of vain Sports such as musick & danceing also gaming all which we Submit to the meeting

Joseph Buffinton
Moses Buffinton junr } overseers
Eber Chace

Whereupon James Maxwell & Daniel Brayton are appointed to Labor with him & endeavour to convince & reclaim him of the error of Such Conduct & report the Satate of his mind at next meeting
meeting

Providence 5th of 2nd mo 1815

Received of Benjamin Slade Sixty Dollars which being in full for Swansey Monthly meeting Stock ordered in the 8th mo 1813

David Anthony Quarterly Mtg Tr

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 27th of 3rd mo 1815 The Representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swansey John Earl & Eber Chace for Freetown Luther Lincoln & Abraham Chace all Present

The Committee appointed at last meeting to draught a testimony of the denial of Abraham Shove Presented one which being read was approved of & signed by the Clerk & Luther Lincoln is appointed to read the same at the close of a meeting for worship at Freetown at a suitable time & also see that the same be recorded

The ~~Committee continued at last meeting in case of~~ matter respecting Samuel Chace 2nd continued at last meeting coming under consideration at this time is after deliberation thereon again continued under the care of the same committee another month

The Committee continued at last meeting in case of Samuel Purinton not being ready to report further; are continued & desired to report at next meeting

The Committee appointed at last meeting to Labor with Rufus C Smith reported as follows (viz) We the Committee in the Case of Rufus C Smith agreable to appointment have had an opportunity with him and according to his present disposition of mind we are of the Judgment (for the reputation of truth) that it will be Safe to deny him a right of membership which we Submit to the meeting

To Swansey Monthly meeting next to be held at Somerset 27th of 3rd mo 1815

Signed by the Committee
James Maxwell
Daniel Brayton

which this meeting accepts & with the concurence of the womens meeting he the said Rufus C Smith is hereby Denied a right of membership with us untill by a circumspect life he manifest a Sincere return & Clark Shove is appointed to ~~[illegible]~~ inform him thereof also his right of appeal and Reuben Chace & Moses Buffinton jur are appointed to Draught a testimony of his Denial & present at next meeting

It appearing to this meeting that the time for which the Clerk together with the assistant Clerk were appointed hath expired Benjamin Slade & Jonathan Earl are appointed to Consult Some Suitable friends for them service & Present their names at next meeting

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 24th of 4th mo 1815 The Representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey David Earl & Moses Buffinton junr for Freetown David Shove & Azariah Shove all Present

The matter respecting Samuel Chace 2nd continued at last meeting coming again under consideration his paper of acknowledgement being read the disposal thereof by request of the womens meeting is refered to next meeting

The Committee appointed at last meeting to consult with Some Some Suitable friends as Clerk & assistant for this meeting reported Joseph Buffinton for Clerk & Eber Slade assistant Clerk which being approved of they are appointed to that Service for the year ensuing

The Queries with answers from the Several Preparative meetings were read in this from which general Answers were agreed on as the State of this meeting & directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting to be held at East Greenwich by our representatives who are Benjamin Slade Gideon Chace & Theophilus Shove & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute & Such other minutes necessary to go to the Quarterly meeting

The matter respecting Samuel Purinton refered at last meeting is again referd under the ~~[illegible]~~ care of the Same committee another month they then desired to report

The Committee appointed at last meeting to Draught a testimony of the denial of Rufus C Smith presented one which being of was Sign'd by the Clerk & Eber Slade is appointed to read the Same at the Close of a meeting for worship at this place at a Suitable time and see that the Same be recorded

Swansey Preparative meeting in their account informed that Benjamin W Chace proposed offering his intention of Marriage with Ruth Buffinton at this meeting they accordingly appeard & expressed their intention of taking Each other in marriage who are desired to wait untill our next meeting for an answer and Reuben Chace & Moses Buffinton Junr are appointed to make the necessary inquiery respecting the Clearness of the Said Benjamins proceedure & report at next meeting

Received from Acoxet Monthly Monthly meeting a removal Certificate on behalf of Stephen Chace & Apphia his wife which this meeting accepts & directs to be recorded

Freetown Preparative meeting in their accts informed that James Hoxie had gone to live within the verge of Scipio Monthly meeting & requests our Certificate David Shove & Azariah Shove are appointed to Prepare one & Present to next meeting if nothink appears to obstruck

This meeting directs our Treasurer to pay the Quarterly meetings Treasurer our proportion of that meetings stock as agreed on at last Quarter

The Committee haveing the care of Taunton meeting made the following report (Viz)

Which this meeting accepts and the meeting continued there as heretofore under the care of the former committee they desired to report in the 4th mo next or sooner if in their judgment necessary

The Committee appointed in the 2nd last to take Subscriptions for William Dells Treaties on ~~Subscription~~ Baptism not being ready to report are desired to make report to the committee of the meeting for Sufferings on the 1st of 5th mo next agreeable to instructions from our last Quarterly meeting

The Committee appointed in the 2nd mo last to take Subscription from Friends towards Defraying the expence of building a meeting a meeting house at Plainfiec reported that they had attended to their appointment yet made but little progress they are ~~they are~~ therefore continued for that Service and Desired to report at next meeting

This meeting being informed that Darius Phawton who with Susannah his wife has resided a few months within the verge of this meeting with a copy of a minute from the Monthly meeting of Rhode Island, have now returned together with their infant Daughter Ann to live within the verge of that meeting, these may certify that their lives & conduct was orderly whilst amongst us & they examplary in the attendance of meetings the Clerk is Directed to insert the above on ~~the~~ ~~[illegible]~~ the back of said minute & forward the same to that meeting

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 29th of 5th mo 1815 The Representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey William Earl & Antipas Chace for Freetown John Boyce & Edward Shove all Present

The Representatives appointed at last meeting to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended

The Subject respecting Samuel Chace 2nd continued at last meeting coming again under consideration is by request continued another month.

The committee continued at last meeting in case Samuel Purinton informed that they have not had any oppertunity with him Since last month by reason of his absence they are therefore continued to have the charge of that matter untill his return they then desired to report

The friend appointed at last meeting to read the testimony of the denial of Rufus C Smith inform that he had done the Same & handed it to be recorded

The friends appointed at last meeting to inquire into the clearness of the procedure in marriage of Benjamin W Chace with Ruth Buffinton Reported that nothing appeard to obstruct, they are therefore at liberty to acomplish the Same agreeable to the established order of Friends, Benjamin Slade & Daniel Brayton are appointed to see the same Solemnized & the Certificate recorded & report at next meeting and by request a meeting is appointed for that purpose to be held at this house on fifth day next 2nd hour afternoon

The Committee appointed at last meeting to Draught a removal Certificate on account of James Hoxie presented one which being read was approved of & Signed by the Clerk & Edward Shove is appointed to forward the Same to the place directed & a Copy to be handed the regester to be recorded

Theophilus Shove informed this meeting that he requested a few lines to Dartmouth Monthly meeting by way of Certificate on account of marriage with Anna Gifford a member of that meeting, whereupon Daniel Brayton & David Earl are appointed to draught one & present at next meeting if nothing appears to obstruct

Received from Greenwich Monthly meeting a removal certificate on behalf of William Lawton junr & family which is directed to be recorded

The Committee continued at last meeting haveing in charge the Subscrition towards defraying the expence of building a meeting House at Plainfield informed that they have not made any progress since last meeting they are therefore continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

Jonathan Earl & Reuben Chace are appointed to assist the women in preparing a removal Certificate for Hannah Robinson & her Children to Smithfield Monthly meeting & present to next meeting if nothing appears to obstruct

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset the 26th of 6th mo 1815 The Representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey Nathan Chace 3d Gideon Chace for Fretown Abraham Chace & Azariah Shove all Present except Abraham Chace for whose absence reason hath been given

The Subject respecting Samuel Chace 2nd continued at last meeting coming again before this & after deliberation thereon is again referd to next meeting

The committee appointed at last meeting to attend the marriage of Benjamin W Chace & Ruth Buffinton reported that the Same was accomplished agreable to the good order of Society – the Marriage Certificate not recorded – whereupon they are continued to see the Same recorded & report at next meeting

The Friends appointed at last meeting to assist the women in preparing a removal Certificate for Hannah Robinson & her Children Presented one which being read was approved of & Signed by the Clerk and Benjamin Buffinton is appointed to forward the same to the place Directed & keep a copy on file to be recorded

The Committee appointed at last meeting to prepare a Marriage Certificate for Theophilus Shove presented one which being read was approved of & Signd by the Clerk

The Committee continued at last meeting haveing in Charge the Subscription towards defraying the expence of building a meeting house at Plainfeild informed that they had made but little progress since last meeting whereupon they are again Continued for that Service & desired to report in the 8th mo next

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 31th of 7th mo 1815 The Representatives named in the accts are for Swansey John Earl & Reuben Chace for Freetown David Shove & Edward Shove all present

The Queries with answers to 1st 2nd & 10th from the Several Preparative meetings were read in this from which a Sumary was agreed on as the State of this meeting. & directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting to be held at Portsmouth. by our representatives who are Eber Chace Palmer Chace & Azariah Shove & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of the above minute together with such other minutes necessary to go to the Quarterly meeting

The Committee appointed in the 8th mo last year to make an addition to & repare Friends meeting house at Taunton reported that the Same was Compleated & the expence ariseing there from is 281 dollars & 41 Cents of which Sum our monthly meeting hav Subscribed 135 dollars & 80 Cents remains due to the Committee 145 $ 61 Cents which this meeting directs to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting for their assistance

The Subject of Samuel Chace 2nd Continued at Last meeting coming before this, & after deliberation thereon is again ~~Continued~~ referd to next meeting

The friends who had the Care of the Marriage Certificate of Benjamin Wm Chace informed that the Same was recorded

This meeting appoints John Earl to have the Care of Friends book of Records to record Marriage Certificates in & See that the same be duly recorded

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 28th of 8th mo 1815 The Representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swansey Anthony Chace & William Lawton for Freetown John Boyce & Azariah Shove all Present

The Representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended - also informed that the Quarterly meeting ordered their Treasurer to pay Benjamin Slade the ballance due for addition and repares on Friends meeting House at Taunton

The Subject respecting Samuel Chace 2nd referd at last meeting coming again under consideration & what hath hitherto obstructed appearing to be removed. his paper of acknowledgement with the concurence of the womens meeting is accepted for Satisfaction

The Committee haveing in Charge the Subject respecting Samuel Purinton made the following report (Viz) Agreeable to last continuance in the Case of Samuel Purinton inform that we have had an Oppertunity with him and he appears in some degree Sensible of his outgoing & willing to make his Friends Satisfaction

To the Monthly meeting to be held at Somerset 28th of 8th mo 1815 } Benjamin Buffinton
Jonathan Earl

Which this meeting accepts, they also presented from the Sd Samuel a paper condemning his misconduct which with the concurence of the womens meeting is accepted for Satisfaction

Received at this time the printed general Epistle of Friends from their yearly Meeting held in London 5th mo 1814 which was read to our Edification & comfort

The Committee Continued in 6th mo last respecting the Subscription towards defraying the expence of building a meeting house at Plainfeild informed that but little addition had been made thereto who are again continued & desired to report at next meeting

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 25th of 9th mo 1815 The Representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey Clerk Shove & Eber Chace for Freetown Theophilus Shove & David Shove all present except David Shove.

The Committee haveing in charge the Subscription towards defraying the expence of building a meeting house at Plainfeild not being ready to report are again continued & desired to report at next meeting

Swansey Preparative meeting in their account informed that Nathan Buffinton proposed offering his intention of marriage with Sarah Shove at this meeting who accordingly appeared with her & declared their intention of takeing Each other in marriage and Joseph Buffinton & Abner Slade are appointed to inquire into the Clearness of the Said Nathan procedure & report at next meeting

The Shed belonging to this meeting being So much destroyed as to make it necessary that a new one be built. whereupon John Earl Jonathan Earl Oliver Earl & Nathan Buffinton are appointed to Join a committee appointed in the 8th mo last year for the purpose of fenceing off our burying ground &c) who are desired to erect another shed as soon as may be & fullfill their former appointment & report at next meeting

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 30th of 10th mo / 1815 The representatives Named in the Several accts are for Swansey Nathan Chace & Daniel Buffinton for Freetown Abraham Chace & John Boyce all Present

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from the Several Preparative meetings were read in this, from which a Sumary was agreed on as the state of this meeting, which are directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting by our representatives who are Reuben Chace Oliver Chace & William Earl & the clerk is desired to furnish them with a Copy of this minute

The Comittee appointed in the 2nd mo last to take Subscription from friends towards defraying the expence of building a meeting house at Plainfeild reported that they have collected twenty six dollars & twenty two cents & the Clerk is directed to forward the same to Greenwich E. Monthly meeting or to their Committee haveing the Care of Sd meeting house & an account thereof to the Quarterly meeting

The Friends appointed at last meeting to inquire into the Clearness of Nathan Buffintons Procedure in marriage with Sarah Shove reported that nothing appeared to them to obstruct, he is therefore at liberty to accomplish the Same agreeable to the good order of friends Joseph Buffinton & Benjamin Slade are appointed to attend ~~the Same~~ Sd marriage & See that the Same be decently Solemnized & Certificate recorded & report at next meeting

The committee haveing the care of erecting a shed &c not being ready to report are continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

Benjamin Slade & Jonathan Earl are appointed to make the necessary Provision for the Quarterly meeting next to be held at this place and report the expence there of at next meeting

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 27th of 11th mo 1815 The Representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey Reuben Chace & Nathan Buffinton for Freetown Luther Lincoln & David Shove all Present

The representatives appointed at last meeting to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended excepted Oliver Chace who was prevented by indisposition of body

The Friends appointed to attend the marriage of Nathan Buffinton reported that they attended & nothing appeared but that the Same was decently Solemnized & that the certificate was handed to the regester to be recorded

The Committee continued at last meeting for the purpose of erecting a Shed &c made the following report (Viz) To Swansey Monthly meeting to be held 27th of 11th mo 1815 We of the Committee appointed to build the Shed at our meeting house and wall off the burying ground have to inform that we have nearly Compleated the Same and find the expence to be one hundred & fifty Dollars and have begun a Subscription for the purpose of defraying the Same — — Reuben Chace Benjamin Slade
Jonathan Earl John Earl

which this meeting accepts, & Sd committee are still continued to have the charge of that matter & endeaviour to collect by Subscription a Suffiency to defray Sd expence & report when in their judgment necessary

Received from Dartmouth Monthly meeting the following (Viz) To the Monthly meeting at Swansey — Dear Friends
Joseph Gifford informed this meeting that he is about to reside Some time within the Limits of Swansey Monthly meeting & desires a few lines for that purpose he being a member of this meeting the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute
Taken from the minutes of Dartmouth Mo meeting
held 25th of 10th mo 1815 James Tucker Clerk

The committee appointed at last meeting to make provision for the Quarterly meeting reported that they had attended to their appointed & that the expence amounted to 13 $ 40 Cents which this meeting allows & our Treasurer is directed to pay the Same and draw on the Quarterly meetings Treasurer for that Sum

Swansey Preparative meeting in their account informed that John Earl proposed offering his intention of marriage with Rhoda Chace who accordingly appeared with her in this meeting & declared their intention of takeing each other in marriage & they desired to wait till our next meeting for an answer and Jonathan Earl & Stephen Chace are appointed to make the necessary inquiery as to the

Clearness of the Said Johns procedure & report at next meeting

Received from our last yearly meeting the following Extracts (Viz) which being read the salutary advices therein contained was to our edification & hope will be indivially attended to

Minute of the yearly Meeting for Newengland held on Rhode Island by adjurnments from the 11th day of the 6th month to the 14th of the Same inclusive

On A revew of the State of our Religious Society as represented by the answers to the Queries now received from our Several Quarterly meetings, our minds were impresed with deep Solicitude, that amore careful attention to our Several religious & moral duties, may be maintained and in a particular manner, that we may all be more engaged in cultivating a near acquaintance with the redeeming Love of God. Under this precious influence, we shall be found constant in the important duty of attending our Meetings for divine worship, whereby we shall not only bear a Public testimony of our belief in the Superintendance of an allwise Creator; but may, through divine goodness, be often made partakers of that Spiritual refreshment, ~~which~~ experence teaches us, is in mercy dispenced to the humble dependent, and be thereby strengthened in the performance of our various duties; for as we increase in this Love to God, love one unto another will necessarily follow, and we Shall be preserved in that unity and fellowship which is the distinguishing badge of the deciples of Jesus

Our minds have been renewedly concerend, that all in profession with us may be increasingly cautious of makeing use of ardent Spirits; the Dreadful Consequences of the frequent use of which, appears in the present day to excite a very laudable concern in the minds of many of the people at large, who are looking towards us both for example and assistance, to aid them in lessening the many evils which have flowed from this Source. hence it is highly important, that we give no occasion of Stumbling to others, in the Support of a testimony which we have long believed it our to advocate and our Several Monthly meetings are particular advised to give their watchful attention to this Subject

Although it has been cause of thankfulness to us, that during a period of war, our peaceable testimony has been so well maintained yet there are many inducements to excite us to more attention and energy on this very important and interesting Subject. Our hearts have been made humbly thankful in believing, that it is a time in which the attention of the people is peculiarly turned towards an investigation of the grounds of war; and that conviction has been wrought in the minds of very many, that it is a custom not reconcilable with the doctrines and precepts of the Christian faith.- - - -

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Under these consoling considerations, how very urgent is our duty to improve every opportunity of diffusing the knowledge of that most excellent principle which we have ever believed would produce and maintain, Peace on Earth good will to men

Signed by direction, and on behalf of the Meeting
William Rotch Junr Clerk

Yearly Meeting School Fund

We are informed that in consequence of our recommendation last year Subscription towards the fund for establising a Boarding School have been made, amounting to nearly Ten thousand Dollars, likewise Subscriptions, for five years to the amount of Fifteen hundred Dollars per annum. — and the meeting being encouraged to look forward to the accomplishment of the important concern of establishing a School for the guarded education of our youth, have referred the Subject to the meeting for Sufferings and authorized them to proceed therein as far as they may find it advisable; & we recommend Friends to use their endeavours to promote Subscriptions towards this desirable object

Extracted from the minutes of the yearly Meeting held on Rhode Island, 6th mo 1815
William Rotch Junr Clerk

Whereupon David Shove Oliver Chace Luther Lincoln Daniel Brayton and Joseph Buffinton are appointed to take Subscriptions for sd object as therein recommended and report in the 3d mo next

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 25th of 12th mo 1815 The Representatives named in the several accts are for Swanzey David Earl & Daniel Buffinton for Freetown Abraham Chace & Azariah Shove all Present

The Friends appointed at last meeting to enquire into the Clearness of the proceedure in marriage of John Earl with Rhoda Chace reported that nothing appeared to them to obstruct they are therefore at liberty to accomplish the Same agreable to the established order of friends & Josiathan Earl & David Earl are appointed to See the Same Solemnized & the Certificate recorded & report at next meeting

The time for which the Overseers were appointed being expired, the Several preparative meetings are desired to Nominate Some Suitable Friends for that Service & forward theire names to next meeting and the Clerk is desired to furnish Each Preparative meeting with a Copy of this minute

Received from our last Quarterly meeting the following (Viz)

It is the conclusion of this meeting that the Sum of Four Hundred Dollars be raised by the Monthly meetings to Supply our Treasury & the Clerk directed to furnish each Monthly meeting with a Copy of this minute and apportion the Same as last year Swansey Monthly meetings Proportion of Said Sum is fourty two Dollars

Extracted from the minute of Rhode Island Quarterly meeting held at Somerset the 2nd of 11th mo 1815 by Obadiah Brown Clerk

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 29th of 1st mo 1816 The Representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swanzey Oliver Chace & Palmer Chace for Freetown Abraham Chace & Edward Shove all Present

The Queries with answers to the 1st. 2nd & 10th from the Several Preparative meetings were read in this from which general answers were agreed on as the state of this meeting and are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting next to be held at Providence by our representatives who are William Lawton Clark Shove & Edward Shove — & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute

The friends appointed at last meeting to attend the marriage of John Earl reported that they attended to their appointment & that nothing appeared to them but that the Same was decently Solemnized & that the Certificate has been recorded

Swansey Prepreparative meeting in their accts forwarded the names of Eber Chace Jonathan Earl & Palmer Chace, & Freetown preparative meeting the names of Theophilus Shove & Abraham Chace as Suitable friends for overseers which this meeting unites with & with the Concurence of the womens meeting they are appointed to that Service for the year ensuing

Abraham Chace one the Overseers of Freetown Preparative meeting informed, that a difference between Josiah Woodward & Luther Lincoln had been Submited to arbitrators. who had given their award which the Said Josiah one of the parties conceived erronious & requests a rehearing whereupon we appoint Oliver Chace Reuben Chace William Slade Theophilus Shove & Oliver Earl to visit him & Proceed agreeable to discipline & report their Judgment thereof at next meeting

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 26th of 2nd mo 1816 The representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey Weston Chace & Daniel Buffinton For Freetown John Boice & Azariah Shove all present

The Representatives appointed at last meeting to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended, & also presented the printed general Epistle of Friends for 1815 from their yearly meeting held in London which was read to our edification & Comfort

The committee appointed at last meeting in case of Josiah Woodwards request; informed; that they have paid attention to their appointment, tho not ready to report; they are therefore continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

Received from Smithfield Monthly meeting a removeal Certificate in behalf of Miller Chace & wife which this meeting accepts & is directed to be recorded

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 25th of 3d mo 1816 The Representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey John Earl & John Buffinton Junr For Freetown David Shove & Enoch Boyce all Present

The Committee continued at last meeting in case of Josiah Woodwards request made the following report (Viz) To Swansey monthly meeting held the 25th day of 3d mo 1816 We the committee to treat with Josiah Woodward respecting his performing the award of arbitrators chosen to settle a Dispute between him & Luther Lincoln have attended to our appointment & have to report that the Said Josiah hath made it appear to us that the Judgment & award of Said arbitrators is not altogether free from error which we Submit to the meeting Reuben Chace Oliver Chace Oliver Earl William Slade Theophilus Shove — which this meeting accepts and Said committee are again continued to edeavour to have the difference Settled between the sd Josiah Woodward & Luther Lincoln by adviseing them to Submit the Same to the former or other refferees agreable to Discipline & report their progress at next meeting

Our Esteemed Friend Amos Peasly attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Seabrook Monthly meeting held at Epping 11th of 1st mo 1816 expresive of his being a minister in esteem whose company & Gospel labors were truly acceptable to us & the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute

His Companion Olny Thompson also attended this meeting with a Copy of a minute from the aforesaid Mo meeting

Whose Company was also Satisfactory to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute

Freetown Preparative meeting in their account informed that Joseph Davis proposes offering his intention of Marriage with Rebeccah Shove at this meeting who accordingly appeared with her & declared their intentions of taking Each other in marriage he produceing the necessary Certificate from Newbedford Monthly meeting who were desired to wait till our meeting for an answer

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 29th of 4th 1816 The Representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swansey Theophilus Shove & Moses Buffinton junr for Freetown Luther Lincoln & Samuel Shove all present

The Queries with answers from the Several Preparative meetings were read in this from which general answers were agreed on as the State of meeting and are directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting next to be held at Eastgreenwich by our Representatives who are Benjamin Slade & Clerk Shove and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute

The Committee continued at last meeting in case of Josiah Woodward & Luther Lincoln informed that the difference between them was not yet Settled Therefore after mature deliberation this meeting appoints David Earl Eber Slade Antipas Chace Stephen Chace & Azariah Shove Arbitrators to hear & determine Sd dificulty agreable to Discipline as Speedyly as may be & report at next meeting

Nothing appearing to this meeting to hinder the proceedure in marriage of Joseph Davis & Rebeccah Shove they are at liberty to accomplish the Same agreable to Discipline & Benjamin Buffinton & Azariah Shove are appointed to attend the Same & See the Certificate recorded & report at next meeting

The Committee haveing the care of Taunton meeting make the following report (Viz) We of the Committee in respect to Taunton meeting have most of us attended Said Meeting and nothing appears to us but that the Same has been kept up to a degree of reputation and we think it may be Safe to continue Sd meeting for three months under the Care of a Committee which we Submit to the judgement of the meeting

Signed on behalf of the Committee by Jonathan Chace
Mary Earl

which this meeting accepts & a meeting is continued there accordingly under the care of the former committee thus desired to report in the 7th mo next

This Meeting was informed that Enoch B Chace was about to reside for some months within the verge of Salem Monthly meeting & requested a few lines to Shew his right of membership, he being a member of this meeting and of orderly life & conversation the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

To Swansey Monthly meeting to be held 29th of 4 mo th 1816 We said meetings audit^rs have settled with this meeting Treasurer and find due to him one dollar & twenty seven cents --- Antipas Chace Jonathan Earl

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 27th of 5th mo 1816 The Representatives named in the several acc^ts are for Swansey Palmer Chace & Gideon Chace for Free-town David Shove & Azariah Shove all Present

The Representatives appointed at last meeting to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended

The Committee or arbitrators appointed at last meeting to to settle a matter in dispute between Josiah Woodward & Luther Lincoln made the following report which this meeting accepts (Viz) To the Monthly meeting now siting — We your Committee appointed at last meeting to arbitrate a difference subsisting between Josiah Woodward & Luther Lincoln have attended to our appointment and given the parties a hearing & to the best of our judgment determined the matter made an award and delivered to each of the parties a copy there off

5th mo 27th Day 1816 Azariah Shove } on behalf of
Eber Slade } the committee

The Friends appointed at last meeting to attend the marriage of Joseph Davis & Rebeckah Shove reported that they ^attend^ to their appoinment & that the Certificate was recorded

It appearing to this meeting by information from our Treasurer that Freetown Preparative meeting were considerably deficient in paying up their aportionment ordered in 12th mo 1814, We therefore appoint Benjamin Slade Moses Buffinton jun Reuben Chace & Gideon Chace to visit that meeting & if way opens individuals, & endeaviour to find the cause thereof. & use their best endeavours to have the same remedied & report at next meeting their prospect what is best to be done in that matter.

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 24th of 6th mo 1816 The Representatives Named in the Several accounts are for Swansey Oliver Earl & Robinson Buffinton for Freetown Luther Lincoln & John Boyce all Present

Our Esteemed Friend James Hallock attended this meeting with a certificate from Marlborough monthly meeting State of Newyork held 24th of 4th mo 1816 Expressive of his being a Minister in good Esteem whose company & Gospel labours in love has been truly acceptable to us

Our Esteemed Friend Christipher Healy attended this meeting with a Certificate from Coeymons Monthly meeting State of Newyork held 27th of 7th mo 1815 Expressive of his being a Minister in good Esteem whose Company and gospel labours in love has also been truly acceptable to us

Our Esteemed Friend John Hull attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Stanford monthly meeting State of Newyork held 18th of 5th mo 1816 expresive of his being an Elder in good esteem & Companion to James Hallock whose company was acceptable to us

our Esteemed Friend Joseph C Dean attended this meeting with a Copy of a minute from Oswego mothly meeting Duches County State of Newyork held 17th of 4th mo 1816 Expresive of his being a member in good Esteem and Companion to Dorrothy Goulding whose company was acceptable to us

Robert Parry attended this meeting with a certificate from Goshen Monthly meeting Chester County Pensylvaia held 17th of 5th mo 181 Expressive of his being a member in good esteem & as Companion to his wife Sally Parry on a religious visit whose company was acceptable to us

The Committee appointed at last meeting to visit Freetown Preparative meeting informed that they had not had an oppertunity to attend that meeting wherefore they are continued to visit said meeting agreeable to their appointment & report at next meeting

Received from our last Quarterly meeting the following extract (Viz)

At RhodeIsland Quarterly meeting held at East Greenwich 2nd of 5th mo 1815 — The friends appointed to make inspection in regard to the meeting house at Norwich made report that the great Storm had so damaged the house that it has become necessary to have it taken down, that it appears the People in the neighbourhood are desireous a house should be kept up with the materials left, & such additional material & labour —

necessary to finish a house Twenty Eight by 26 feet one story will Cost about three hundred twenty five Dollars; It is proposed that Sylvester Weeks have Said house taken down & erect another of the afore~~me~~ Said dementions & friends are desired to Subscribe in freedom towards defraying Said expence & when Subscribed Sylvester Weeks is requested to proceed to take down & build Said house accordingly

Extracted from the minutes of the meeting afforesaid
By Obadiah Brown Clk

Whereupon Benjamin Slade & Rueben Chace are appointed to take Subscribtions as therein requested & report at next meeting

Received from Dartmouth Monthly meeting the following (Viz) —
Stephen Buffinton haveing returned to reside within the limits of Swansey m^o.ly meeting — the Clerk is directed to return the minute which was received on his behalf from Swansey monthly meeting with an indorsment expressive of his still remaining a member of Society
Extracted from the minutes of Dartmouth Monthly meeting held 27^th of 3^d m^o 1816 James Tucker Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset for 29^th of 7^th mo^th 1816 The representatives named in the several acc^ts are for Swansey John Earl & Clerk Shove for Freetown Abraham Chace & Theophilus Shove all Present

The Queries with answers to the 1^st 2^nd & 10^th from the Several Preparative meetings were read in this from which general answers were agreed on as the State of this meeting & directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting to be held at Portsmouth on the Island by Eber Slade Weston Chace & John Buffinton Jun^r who are appointed to attend S^d meeting as our representatives & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute.

The committee continued at last meeting to visit Freetown Preparative meeting made the following report which is accepted (Viz) we of the Committee under appointment to visit Freetown preparative meeting to endeavour to find the Cause why S^d meeting do not Send up their aportionment ordered ~~in~~ in 12^th m^o 1814 have attended to our appointment Endeavouring to find the cause. and on inquiry find that most of them have given Something and find but little or no incouragment of their paying much if any more of Said ~~Sum~~ aportionment as to what is best to be done in that case we Submit to the meeting

Benjamin Slade
Moses Buffinton Jun^r
Gideon Chace

Whereupon Abner Lincoln Azariah Shove Daniel Buffinton West
Chace John Earl & Moses Buffinton Jun^r are appointed to endeavour to
collect by subscribtion & pay to our Treasurer the deficiency of the
said aportionment & report at next meeting

The Committee haveing the care of Taunton meeting made the follow-
ing report which is accepted (viz) We of the Committee in respect to
Taunton meeting have paid attention to that subject and nothing appears
to us but that the ~~[illegible]~~ meeting has been kept up to a degree of reputation whenever attended
and think it may be safe to Continue said meeting for three months
under the care of a committee which we submit to the judgment of the
Monthly meeting
Somerset 28th of 7th m^o 1816 Sign^d in behalf of the Committee
by Benjamin Buffinton
Eunice Brayton

Whereupon a meeting is still continued there as heretofor under the care
of the former committee with the addition of Eber Chace Benjamin
Slade Joseph Buffinton & John Earl they desired to report in the
10th month next

The friends appointed at last meeting to take subscribtions
towards defraying the expence of building a meeting house at War-
=wich not haveing collected any thing are again continued for that
service & desired to report their progress in the 10th mo next

The Oversers presented the following information (viz) To the Monthly
meeting now setting - - Dear Friends - Luther Lincoln informed
us that Josiah Woodward doth refuse to comply with the award of ar=
=bitrators appointed to settle a difference between them for which
he hath been labored with by us, but still refuses fully to com=
=ply according to our judgment as respects s^d award
29th of 7th m^o 1816 Jonathan Earle
Eber Chace

Whereupon Gideon Chace Daniel Buffinton - Nathan Chace &
Weston Earl are appointed to labour with him & endeavour to
Convince him of the inconsistancy of his not complying according to
Discipline and report thereof at next meeting

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset
26th of 8th m^o 1816 The representatives named in the several acc^ts are for
Swansey Nathan Buffinton & Weston Chace for Freetown John Boyce &
Azariah Shove all present

The representatives appointed at last meeting to attend the Quarterly
meeting reported that they all attended

The Committee appointed at last meeting to labor with Josiah Woodward informed that they had attended to their appointment the not ready to report, they re there fore continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

The womens meeting Several months past informed us that they were about to make a minute against Martha Woodward which not being fully united with, and after deliberation thereon it is the Judgment of this meeting that a committee be appointed on the subject Wher upon we appoint Weston Earl Eber Slade James Maxwell & Benjamin Slade to visit her & endeavour to discover the State of her mind & report their prospect what is best to be done in that Case at next meeting

This meeting being informed that Job Anthony son of Edmond had gone to reside as an apprintice within the verge of East Hoosuch Monthly meeting and his Father requesting a few lines to Shew his right of membership; he being a member of this meeting the Clerk is directed to Send that meeting a copy of this minute

The Committee appointed at last meeting for the purpose of raising the deficiency of Freetown Preparative meeting: a portionment not ~~being~~ haveing compleated the Same are again continued for that Service and desired to report at next meeting

At Swanzey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 30th of 9th mo 1816 The representatives Named in the in the Several accts are for Swansey Gideon Chace & Theophilus Shove 2nd for Freetown Theophilus Shove & John Boyce all present exccept John Boyce

The Committee continued at last in case of Josiah Woodward reported as follows (viz) We of the Committee on account of Josiah Woodward have attended to our appointment & he the sd Josiah has comply'd with the award of the Arbitrators } Weston Earl Nathan Chace
Somerset 30th 9th mo 1816 Daniel Buffinton Gideon Chace
which this meeting accepts for Satisfaction

The Committee appointed at last meeting in case of Martha Woodward reported as follows (Viz) We of the committee in the case of Martha Woodward have attended ~~have attended~~ to our appointment and find that She is willing and doth attend meetings for worship. but for her word sake refuseth to attend meetings of Discipline and her reasons assined are. because Friends received one into membership with whom she was not in ~~[illegible]~~ unity at that time & requested Satisfaction before Said friend was received into membership, but was denied it

To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset 30th of 9th mo 1816

Weston Earl
James Maxwell
Benjamin Slade

which this meeting accepts and after weightily considering the Subject, the womens meeting are requested to appoint a committee to join one from this meeting & they in conjunction to take the matter into consideration & if way opens to visit the Sd Martha and report at next meeting what is best to be done in the case, and this meeting appoints for that purpose Eber Slac Benjamin Earl Palmer Chace Joseph Buffinton & Gideon Chace

Swansey Preparative meeting in their acct presented the following information (Viz) To the Preparative meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey the 26th of 9th mo 1816 Dear Friends - - Whereas Natha Chace 2nd haveing a right in our religious Society has brought a reproa on truth by deviateing from the path of true rectitude and virtue which is manifest by his wife haveing a Child soon after marri=age, also Married out of the order of Society ~~[illegible]~~ Jonathan Earl & Palmer Chace } overseers

Whereupon we appoint Reuben Chace & Weston Chace to labor with him & endeavour to convince him of the inconsistancy of his conduct ~~with~~ with our Profession & report the state of his mind at next meeting

The Committee continued at last meeting for the purpose of raising the deficiency of Freetown Preparative meetings aportionment not haveing compleated the Same are again continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

This meeting agrees to raise two hundred Dollars to Supply our Treasury and William Slade Antipas Chace Eber Slade Josiah Woodward & Theophilus Shove are appointed to take Subscribtion from Friends in Freedom for that purpose, & endeavour to collect the same & report their progress at next meeting

Received the following Extract (Viz) Swansey Monthly meeting proportion of three hundred Dollars agreed to be raised to Supply this meeting Treasury is thirty one Dollars Extracted from the Minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Portsmouth 5th of 8th mo 1816 by Obadiah Brown Clerk

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset the 28th of 10th mo 1816 The Representatives Named in the Several accts are for Swansey Miller Chace & Reuben Chace for Freetown Abr ham Chace & Theophilus Shove all present

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from the Several Preparative meetings were read in this from which general answers were agreed on as the present state of this meeting, and with an acct forwarded to the Quarterly next to be held at this place by our representatives who are Reuben Chace Anthony Chace and Theophilus Shove

The Committee appointed at last meeting in case of Martha Woodward made the following report ~~[illegible]~~ (Viz) We your Committee to consider what is best to be done in the matter between the Monthly meeting & Martha Woodward have all of us attended to that Subject, and the most of us had an opportunity with her on the occasion, -- and we the Subscribers have Concluded that it may be best for the meeting to ask the assistance of the Quarterly meeting in regard to the meetings not being united in what may be best to do

Swansey the 28th of 10th mo 1816 } Benjamin Earl Gideon Chace
Hannah Earl Elizabeth Earle
Palmer Chace Joseph Buffinton Eber Slade

Wich this meeting accepts & the advice & assistance of the Quarterly meeting requested

The Committee appointed to labor with Nathan Chace 2nd not being ready to report ~~[illegible]~~ are continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

The committee appointed at last meeting to take Subscribtions for the raising money to Supply our Treasury informed that they had attended to their appointment & made Some progress, they are therefore continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

The committee continued in the 7th mo last haveing in charge the Subject from the Quarterly meeting respecting Warwick meeting house reported that they have not collected anything for that purpose & under our present Situation their appears but little prospect whereupon Sd committee are dismissed

The committee haveing the care of Taunton meeting made the following report (Viz) We the committee respecting Taunton meet have most of us attended Said meeting Since our last continuance and it appears that they have all been kept up and when we have attended to a degree of reputation and think it may be Safe to continue that meeting for three months as heretofore under the care of a Committee, they then to report all which we Submit

Somerset 28th of 10th mo 1816 Signd on be half of the Committee
by David Earl
Mary Earl

Which meeting accepts & a meeting is still continued there as heretofore under the care of the former committee they desired to report in the 1st mo next or Sooner if in their judgment necessary

The committee continued at last meeting for the purpose of raising the defiency due from Freetown Preparative meeting not haveing compleated the Same are again continued & desired to report at next meeting

Received from Rhodeisland Monthly meeting a Certificate in behalf of Nathan Dennis a minor placed by his ~~father~~ Parents as an apprintice with a member of this meeting

Palmer Chace & John Earl are appointed to make the necessary provision for the Quarterly meeting next to be held at this place & present an account of the expence there at future meeting

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 25th of 11th mo 1816 The Representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey Clark Shove & Eber Slade for Freetown Edwar Shove & David Shove all Present

The representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended & that the Quarterly meeting had appointed a committee to advise & assist this meeting agreeable to our request who being present at this time. We therefore appoint Eber Slade Benjamin Slade Joseph Buffinton Weton Earl and Benjamin Earl a committee to represent the Subject [illegible] to Sd Quarterly meetings committee in behalf of this meeting & to aid and assist them as way may open & report at next meeting

One of the Committee continued at last meeting to labor with Nathan Chace 2nd informed that they have had an opportunity with him to a degree of Satisfaction & that he appears to be Sensible of his misconduct & is desirous of makeing friends Satisfaction they are therefore continued to have the charge of that matter & desired to report at next meeting

The committee haveing in charge a Subscribtion to raise money to Supply our Treasury informed that they have attended to their appointment altho not compleated the Same they are therefore continued to have the charge of that matter & report at next meeting

The committee haveing in charge a Subscribtion to raise a deficency due from Freetown preparative meeting not being ready to report are again continued & desired to report at next meeting

Received from the Quarterly meeting the following (viz) At Rhode Island Quarterly meeting held at Somerset 7th of 11th mo 1816

It being represented to this meeting by our friend Sylvester Weeks that the meeting house at Warwick had been rebuilt of the Size conformable to the report of the Committee appointed by this meeting in the 5th mo last & the expence of which has been $\$294=\frac{86}{100}$ whereupon this meeting again recommends to friends of our Several Monthly meetings to Subscribe in freedom towards paying Said Sum & send up an Acct thereof & the Clerk is directed to Send a Copy of this minute to each Monthly meeting

Extracted from the Minutes of the Meeting
aforesaid by Obadiah Brown Clerk

whereupon Clark Shove Eber Slade & David Shove are appointed to take ubscriptions as is therein recommended

Enoch B Chace returned at this time a copy of a minute granted him by us n the 4th moth last with the following indorsment thereon (Viz)

To Swansey Monthly Meeting — The within named Enoch B Chace being about to return home we may inform that he has frequently attended our meetings while resideing with us & his deportment has been Satisfactory

Signed in & on behalf of Salem Monthly meeting of Friends held at Salem 10th of 10th mo 1816 Samuel Philbrik Clerk

The committee appointed at last meeting to make provision for the Quarterly meeting reported as follows (Viz) To the ensueing Monthly meeting According to appointment we have made the necessary Provision for the Quarterly meeting in hay wood &c the expence of which is nineteen Dollars
Swansey 11 mo 25th 1816 Palmer Chace John Earl —
which this meeting accepts & their acct allowed & our treasurer is hereby directed to pay the Same & draw on the Quarterly meetings Treasurer for that Sum & the clerk is desired to furnish him with a copy of this minute

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 30th of 12th mo 1816 The representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey Oliver Earl & William Lawton for Freetown Edward Shove & David Shove all Present

The Committee continued at last meeting in case of Nathan Chace 2d informed that they have attended to their appointment. they also presented from the Sd Nathan a paper of acknowledgement which after being read the Disposal thereof is refered to next meeting & the committee still continued to have the Charge thereof

The Committee appointed at last meeting to aid and assist the Quarterly meetings committee, reported that they have attended to their appointment & given them Such information & assistance as appeared necessary

They also presented from Sd Quarterly meetings committee the following report Viz To Swansey Monthly meeting of men & women ~~[illegible]~~
Dear Friends — We have had a Solid conference with your Committee on the Subjects of our appointment, & with the parties concerned at Taunton in a Collective capasitie, and inclosed we forward ~~[illegible]~~ you an agreement entered into by the Said parties as the result of our Labours which we have agreed Should be read at the Close of a meeting for worship at Taunton as well as in your monthly meeting —
It is our United judgment and advice that it will be best to

Dismis the matter respecting Martha woodward and the other Complaint agaist friends of Taunton meeting and it is our fervent desire that the Monthly meeting both of men & women do quietly and Cheerfully acquiece in the judgment of the Quarterly meetings committee ——

Sylvester Wicks Richard Mitchell Benjn Mott Obadiah Brow
Darcas Brown Mary G. Anthony - Norton 26th of 11mo 1816

Which this meeting cordially acquiece with & Joseph Buffinton is appinted to read the paper therein alluded to as recommended & report at next meeting

The Committee having in charge a Subscribtion to raise money to supply our Treasury informed that they have attended to their appointment & made some progress tho not yet compleated they are there-fore continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

This meeting being informed that Stephen B Chace requested a few lines by way of Marriage Certificate to the Monthly meeting of RhodeIsland, Benjn Earl & Daniel Brayton are appointed to Draught one & present at next meeting if nothing appears to obstru

The committee having in charge a Subscribtion to raise a deficiency due fro Freetown Preparative meeting informed that the Same was not accomplishe they are therefore continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 27th of 5th mo 1817 The representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey Weston Chace & Weston Earl for Freetown Abraham Chace & Theophilu Shove all Present

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from the Several Preparative Meetings were read in this from which general answe were agreed on as the State of this meeting and directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting to be held at Providence for RhodeIsland by our representatives who are Benjn Slade Jonathan Earl & Nathan Slade & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute

The Case refer'd at last meeting respecting Nathan Chace 2nd coming again before this and a paper of acknowledgement from him being again read in this meeting is after weightily considered of received for Satisfaction

The Committee having in charge a Subscribtion to raise money to supply our Treasury not having compleated the Same are still continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

The Friends appointed to prepare a Certificate for Stephen B Chace on account of Marriage with a member of Rhodeisland Monthly meeting Presented one which being read was approved of & Signd by the Clerk

The Committee haveing in Charge a Subscribtion to raise a defiency due from Freetown Preparative meeting not haveing compleated the Same are again continued to have the care of that matter & report at next meeting

The Committee haveing the Care of Taunton meeting made the following report (Viz) We ~~the~~ of the Committee respecting Taunton meeting have a number of us attended to our appointment and nothing but that the Same has been kept up to a degree of reputation; & haveing consired the present Situation thereof, have thought it would be Safe to continue that meeting for one month under the Care of a Committee which we Submit to the meeting

To the Monthly meeting of Friend to be held
at Somerset for Swansey 27th of 5th mo 1817
on behalf of the Committee Benjamin Buffinton
Mary Earl

Which this meeting accepts & a meeting continued there for one month under the Care of the former Committee they then to report

The Friend appointed at last meeting to read an agreement entered into by Some of the members of Taunton meeting at the Close of a meeting for worship at that Place agreeable to the request of the Quarterly meetings Committee, not haveing accomplished the Same is still continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 24th of 2nd mo 1817 The Representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey Reuben Chace & William Slade for Freetown David Shove & Azariah Shove present Azariah Shove & William Slade

The representatives appointed at last meeting to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended

The Committee haveing in Charge a Subscribtion to raise money to Supply our Treasury not haveing compleated the Same are still continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

The Committee who had the Care of a Subscription to raise a deficiency due from Freetown Preparative meeting not haveing compleated the Same are again continued & desired to report at next meeting

The Friend continued at last meeting to read an agreement entered into by Some of the Members of Taunton meeting. ~~at the Close of meeting~~

at the Close of a meeting for worship at that Place not haveing accompli=
=zed the Same, is again continued for that Service & desired to have the Same
accomplished and report at next meeting

Part of
The Committee who had the Care of Taunton meeting informed that nothing appeared but that all the meetings have been attened, and thought well of continueing that meeting for two months which this meeting unites with & the meeting Still continued accordingly as heretofore under the Care of the former committee they then desired to report

At Swansey meeting of Friends held at Somerset 31st of 3rd mo. 1817 the representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey Moses Buffinton Junr & David Hart for Freetown Enoch Chace & Edward Shove all Present

The Committee haveing in charge a Subscribtion to raise money to Supply our Treasury not haveing compleated the Same are again continued to have the charge ~~of that~~ thereof & report at next meeting

The printed general Epistle from the yearly meeting of Friend in London for 1816 was read in this meeting to our Edification & comfort

Swansey Preparative meeting in their acct informed that Edward Buffum proposed offering his intention of marriage with Sybel Chace at this meeting who accordingly appeared with her & declared their intention of takeing each other in marriage (He presenting the necessary Certificate in that case required from the Mo. meeting of Friends at Salem) they are requested to wait untill our next meeting for an answer

Received the following (viz) To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset 31st of 3rd mo 1817 Esteemed Friends

We feel desirous that our son Benjamin M Chace a minor be received under your care

From your Friends Miller Chace
Mary Chace

which meeting the approbation of this meeting he the Sd Benjamin M Chace is with the concurrence of the womens meeting received into membership with us

The committee haveing in charge a Subscribtion to raise a defeciency due from Freetown Preparative meeting reported that they have collected & paid our Treasurer 71 dollars & 47 Cents as by his receit doth appear & that their is still a defeciency of 18 dollars & 28 Cents

which this meeting agrees to Sink & Dismiss the committee from further Service
27th of 5th mo 1817 Received of Swansey & Freetown Preparative meetings
at sundrie times by the hands of the committee
Seventy one Dollars & fourty seven Cents towards the deficiency of Freetown
Preparative meeting apportionment - Benjamin Slade Treasurer

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Swansey
28th of 4th Mo 1817 - The Representatives named in the
Several Accounts are for Swansey Palmer Chace and
Theophilus Shove - for Freetown Enoch Boyce and Adrian
there all Present - The Queries were read in this meeting
and Succeeded by Answers from the Several Preparative meetings
from which general Answers were agreed on as the present State
of this meeting which the Clerk is directed to transcribe and
forward to our next Quarterly meeting to be held at East
Greenwich by our Representatives who are James Maxwell
and Gedion Chace, and he is also directed to furnish them with a Copy
of this minute - The Committee continued at last meeting
who had the charge of the Subscription to raise money to supply
our Treasury not having compleated the same are again Continued
for that Service and desired to report at next Meeting -
The Committee who had the care of Taunton meeting made the
following report - Viz we of the Committe respecting Taunton meeting having
a considerable part of us meet together and considered the Subject not anything appea
=ring but that the meeting has been kept up and we thing well of continueing the same
untill the 10th mo next under the Care a Committee (they then to report
To the Mo meeting to be held at Somerset for Swansey 28th of 4 mo 1817) Signed on behalf of the Committee by Joseph Buffinton
Charity Buffinton
Which this meeting accepts and a meeting still continued there
accordingly, under the care of James Maxwell Joseph Buffinton
Gedion Chace, Moses Buffinton and Azariah Shove who are
desired to report in the tenth month next or sooner if in their
judgment necessary - - Nothing appearing to obstruct the
proceeding in Marriage of Edward Buffum and Susan Chace
this meeting leaves them at liberty to Accomplish the same
according to Discipline and Daniel Brayton and Reuben Chace
are appointed to see the same decently solemnized and report
at next meeting and by the request of the parties a meeting is
Appointed for that purpose the 5th day of the 5th mo next at the
Same hour in the Afternoon -

It appearing to this meeting that the time for which the overse
were appointed hath expired therefore each Preparative meeting
are requested to nominate some suitable friends for that Service
& forward their names to next ~~& next~~ meeting & the Clerk is
directed to furnish Each Preparative meeting with a Copy of
this minute

The Friend appointed some time past to read an agreement
entered into by some of the members of Swanton meeting
informed that the same has been accomplished

The Overseers informed this meeting that Daniel Anthony had wholly left Friends, and joined himself with another Society of People. Wherefore with the Concurrence of the wome Meeting, this meeting denies him his right of Memberſhip with Us, untill he manifest a sincere return, and Nathan Chace is appointed to inform him thereof —

Enoch B Chace informed this Meeting that he was about to reside sometime, within the Verge of Salem monthly meeting he being a member, of orderly life and Conversation; the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this Minute —

The Committee Verbally named to aſsist, by request of the womens meeting, in the Case of Mary Chace's Certificate, presented the following, which this meeting concurs with, and Reuben Chace is appointed to forward the same to the place directed

From our Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swanzey 28th of 4th mo 1817
To the Monthly meeting of Frien at East Hoosuck — Dear Friends
We received your Certificate in behalf of Mary Chace, (widow) of Caleb Chace and by inſpection of a Committee from our meeting find her in a [illegible] debilitated situation, alſo in a State of Inſolvency, which render it Neceſsary to inform You, reſpecting our Diſcipline in such Cases that if she should need Aſsistance, the expence must of course devolve upon Your meeting, as she cannot gain a settlement in her situation Neverthleſs we are willing to take the neceſsary care after informatio from you —

Signed in and on behalf of the above said meeting
By Joseph Buffinton Clerk
Hannah Earl Clerk

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 26th of 5th mo 1817 The Representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey Daniel Buffinton & Oliver Earl for Freetown Edward Shove & David Shove all Present

The representatives appointed at last meeting to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended

The Committee continued at last meeting having in charge a Subscription to raise money to Supply our Treasury not having compleated the Same they are therefore continued to have the Charge of matter with the addtion of David Shove & Desired to report at next meeting

The Friends appointed at last meeting to attend the Marriage of Edward Buffum & Sybel Chace reported that they attended to their appointment & nothing appeared to them but that the Same was decently Solemnized & the Certificate recorded

Swansey Preparative meeting in their account forwarded the names of Eber Chace Palmer Chace & Jonathan Earl as Overseers which meeting the approbation of this & concurence of the womens meeting they are appointed to that Service for the year ensuing

It appearing to this meeting that the appointment of the Committe to attend the burials of Deceased Friends had expired whereupon Oliver Earl Moses Buffinton Benjamin Slade Azariah Shove Theophilus Shove Luther Lincoln & Eber Slade are appointed to that Service for the ensueing year or untill others are appointed who are desired to See that comely order be observed according to Discipline

To Dartmouth Monthly meeting

Joseph Gifford haveing ~~having~~ returned to live within the limits of your meeting we may inform that nothing appears but that his life & conversation was satisfactory whilst amongst us the Clerk is directed to Certify the Same on the back of his Certificate & forward ~~the~~ ~~Same~~ to that meeting

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 30th of 6th mo 1817 The representatives named in the accts from Swansey are Moses Buffinton & Clark Shove both Presen no account Presented from Freetown Preparative meeting

Our Esteemed Friend Esther Griffin attended this meeting with a Certificate from Purchase Monthly meeting State of Newyork held 4th mo 10th 1817 expresive of her being a Minister in good unity with them with an indorsment from Purchase Quarterly meeting held 30th of 4th moth 1817 her Company & labours in love hath been truly acceptable to us

Our Esteemed Friend Hannah G Field attended this meeting with a Copy of a minute from Newyork Monthly meeting hel 7th of 5th moth 1817 expressive of her being a minister in goo esteem her company & labours in love hath been acceptable to u

The Committee continued at last meeting haveing in charge a Subscribtion to raise money to Supply our Treasury not haveing compleated the Same are still continued for that Service & Desire to report at next meeting

This meeting agrees to raise two hundred Dollars to Supply our Treasury whereupon Nathan Slade Benjamin Slade Stephe Chace & Daniel Buffinton are appointed to take Subscribtions from Friends for that purpose & endeavour to collect the Same as soon as may be & report at next meeting

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 28th of 7th moth 1817 The representatives named in the Several Preparative meetings are for Swansey Reubin Chace & Joseph Buffinton for Freetown Theophilus Shove & Samuel Shove all Present Except Joseph Buffinton for whose absence Satisfactory reason was rendered

The Queries with answers from the Several Preparative meetings to the 1st 2nd & 10th were read in this meeting and general answers agreed on as the state thereof & are forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting to be held at Portsmouth on R. I. by our representatives who are Robinson Buffinton Oliver Chace & David Shove & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this & other minutes necessary for them

Swansey Preparative meeting in their acct informed that Preserved Slade was about to remove within the verge of Galaway Monthly meeting state of Newyork & requested our Certificate whereupon Daniel Brayton & Moses Buffinton are appointed to draught & present one at next meeting in his behalf if nothing appears to obstruct

One of the Representatives from Freetown Preparative meeting appointed to attend our last Monthly meeting informed that the reason their account was not presented was Severity of the weather & his indisposition of body

Freetown Preparative meeting in their acct. informed that they had nominated Theophilus Shove & Azariah Shove as Suitable Friends for overseers which being approv'd of by this & having the concurrence of the womens meeting they are appointed to that Service for the ensueing year

Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the 8th mo: last forwarded to this meeting a certificate in favor of Stephen Hart which was presented at last meeting & Oliver Chace & Eber Slade verbally named to have the charge thereof & make the necessary inquiry & report their prospect at this meeting, who accordingly reported that they have attended to their appointment & think best that the same be returned together with the following information (Viz) ~~and~~ Eber Slade is appointed to forward the same to that meeting

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Dartmouth

Respected Friends

your Certificate in favor of Stephen Hart Dated 8th mo. 1816 came to hand last month & was lodg'd in the care of two friends appointed to have the Charge thereof & report at this time what in their judgment was best to be done in the Case from whom we have received the following information (Viz) after making the necessary inquiry find that there is such a person within the limits of this meeting but that his circumstances are imbaresed & that his conduct since residing with us has been unbecuming therefore under those circumstances we hereby return sd certificate to you

Signed in & by direction of Swansey Monthly meeting held at Somerset 28th day 7th mo 1817 by Eber Slade assistant Clerk

Our Treasurer is directed to pay the Quarterly meetings Treasurer 42 Dollars our proportion of that meeting stock for 1815

The Friends haveing in charge a Subscribtion to Raise money to Supply our Treasury ordered in 1816 not haveing compleated the Same are again continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

the Committee appointed at last meeting to take Subscribt. to raise 200 Dollars to Supply our Treasury reported that the Same had been attended to yet not compleated they are therefore with the addition of AZariah Shove & Josiah Woodward continued for that Service & Desired to report at next meeting

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 25th of 8th mo 1817 The Representatives named in the Several acct are for Swansey Edmond Chace & Joseph Buffinton for Freetown Luther Lincoln Jur. & Azariah Shove all Present

The representatives appointed at last meeting to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended

The Friends appointed at last meeting to draught a Certificate in behalf of Preserved Slade presented one which being read was approved of & Signd by the Clerk & Joseph Buffinton is appointed to forward the Same to the place directed & hand a copy therof to the register to be recorded

The friend appointed at last meeting to return to Dartmouth Monthly meeting the Certificate from them in faviour of Stephen Hart together with our information informed that he had forwarded the Same

Swansey Prepreparative meeting in their acct informed that Nathan Chace 3d proposed offering his intention of Marriage with Elizabeth Buffinton and also that Stephen Buffinton proposed offering his intention of Marriage with Sarah Buffinton who accordingly appeared in this meeting & Severally declared their intention of taking Each other in marrige who were desired to wait untill our next meeting for an answer & Oliver Earl & Clark Shove are appointed to make the necessary enquiery into into the clearness of their proceedure & report at next meeting

The Committee haveing in charge a Subscribtion to raise 200 dollars to Supply our Treasury ordered in 9th mo 1816 reported that the Same was not compleated, but that there remained unsubscribed for about 20 dollars which Sum Said Committee are directed aportion among

Such Friends as in their judgment have not paid their equal proportion & endeavor to collect the same & report at next meeting

The committee having in charge a Subscribtion to raise 200 Dollars ordered in 6th mo last informed that they have attended to their appointmant tho not compleated the same they are therefore continued & desired to report at next meeting

Received from Swansey Monthly meeting by the hand of Benjamin Slade Fourty two Dollars is in full for their proportion of Quarterly meeting stock ordered 11th mo 1815
7th of 8th mo 1817 David Anthony Q M Treasur

Received from Swansey Monthly meeting by the hand of Benjamin Slade thirty one Dollars is in full for their proportion of Quarterly meeting stock ordered in 8th mo 1816
7th of 8th mo 1817 David Anthony Quarterly meeting Treasurer

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset the 29th of 9th mo 1817 The Representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey Daniel Brayton & Oliver Earl for Freetown Enoch Boyce & Edward Shove all Present

The Friends appointed at last meeting to inquire into the Clearness of the Procedure in marriage of Nathan Chace 3d & Stephen Buffinton reported that nothing appeared to them to obstruct they are therefore at liberty to accomplish the same agreeable to the good order established among frinds; & Eber Chace & Reuben Chace are appointed to attend Sd marriages & see that they are decently Solemnized & that the certificates are recorded & report at next meeting & by request from the Sd Nathan a meeting is appointed for the accomplishment of his marriage next 5th day to meet at this house 1st hour in the after noon

The committee haveing in charge a Subscription to raise ~~money~~ 200 dollars to Supply our Treasury ordered in 9th mo 1816 informed that they have aportioned the deficiency agreeable to the direction of last meeting yet the same remains unsettled they are therefore continued & desired to report at next meeting

Freetown Preparative meeting in their account informed that Apollas Anthony had so far disregaurded the established order of Friends as to marry one not a member of our Society whereupon William Lawton & Eber Slade are appointed to labor with him & endeavour to convince him of the inconsistancy of his conduct with our Profession & report the state of his mind at next meeting

The Overseers presented the following (Viz) To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swansey 29 of 9th mo 1817

Dear Friends

Whereas Benjamin Earl and his Son John Earl

Members of our meeting hath brought a reproach upon Society by deviat=ing from our peaceable principle in contending with one another from time to time in words & actions about outward property he the Sd Benjamin at a certain time giving way to Passion uttered himself in threatening Language and the Said John Earl in Consequence thereof laid hands on his Father and held him calling for Something to Confine him for which disorderly conduct they have been tenderly labored with which has not had the desired effect Eber Chace

Palmer Chace } overseers
Jonathan Earl

Which this meeting accepts & Theophilus Shove Nathan Chace & Eber Slade are appointed to labor with the Said Benjamin Earl & endeavour to convince him of the error of his conduct & also to have the controversy Settled and report the State of his mind at next meeting.

And Daniel Buffinton Stephen Chace Azariah Shove & Benjamin Slade are appointed to labor with the Said John Earl & endeavor to convince him of the error of his conduct & also to have the contro=versy Settled & report at next meeting

The Committee having in Charge a Subscribtion to raise 200 Dollars ordered in 6th moth last informed that they had made Some progress tho not yet Settled they are therefore continued to have the Charge thereof & report in the 12th moth next

Our Friend Jonathan Chace informed this meeting that he had a Prospect of makeing a visit to his Friends & relation at Salem & requested a few lines to Shew his ~~in~~ Standing in Society he being a member of this meeting and a minister in unity with us the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 27th of 10th moth 1817 The Representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swansey Nathan Buffinton & Gideon Chace for Freetown Theophilus Shove & David Shove all Present

The committee appointed at last meeting to see the marriages of Nathan Chace 3rd & Stephen Buffinton Solemnized reported that Nothing appeared but that they were decently Solemnized & the Certificates recorded

The Committee appointed at last meeting to labor with Benjamin Earl made the following report ~~(Viz)~~ which this meeting accepts (Viz) -

To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset 10th mo 27th 1817. We your Committee in Case of Benjamin Earl have attended to our appointment & had an oppertunity with him to a degree of Satisfaction he appearing disposed to make Friends Satisfaction & the controversy between him & his Son John Earl respecting outward Property is Settled

Nathan Chace
Eber Slade
Theophilus Shove

and the said Benjamin also appeared in this meeting & expresed his desire to be reconsiled to friends & wished them to forgive him & pass by his offences which is accepted for Satisfaction

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from the Several Preparative meetings were read in this from which general answers were agreed on as the State of this meeting & forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting to be held at this place by our representatives who are Daniel Buffinton Reuben Chace & Azariah Shove & the Clerk is directed to furnish them a Copy of this & all other minutes necessary

The Committee appointed at last meeting to labor with Apollos Anthony informed that they have had no oppertunity with him by reason of his absence from home & not likely to return Soon they are therefore continued for that Service & desired to report in the 5th mo next or Sooner if ready

The Committee appointed at last meeting to labor with John Earl informed that they have had several oppertunities with him to some degree of Satisfaction yet not really to make a full report they are therefore continued to have the Charge thereof & report at next meeting

The Committee haveing the Charge of Taunton meeting made the following report (Viz.) To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swansey 27th of 10th mo 1817 we your Committee respecting Taunton meeting have all of us attended the Same at different times & it appears that all the meetings have been attended & most of them when we were present to pretty good Satisfaction & notwithstanding Som of us have been much excercised under a Sence of the lack of Love & unity among the members there yet we think it may Safest to grant a meeting to be held there on every first day except that preceeding the Monthly meeting for Six months under Care of a Committee Signed on behalf of the Committee by James Maxwell Hannah Earl

Which this meeting accepts; and a meeting is appointed to be held there agreable to Sd report under their care they desired to report in the 4th mo next or Sooner if in their judgment necessary

Our meeting with the Concurence of the womens meeting appoints Joseph Buffinton to the station of an Elder which we forward to the Quarterly meeting for their disposal

Swansey Preparative meeting in their acct forwarded to this the following information (Viz) To the Preparative meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swansey the 23d of 10th mo 1817 — Esteemed Friends Eber Buffinton hath So far disreguarded the Established Rules of

Friends as to keep Company and proceed in marriage with one not a member of our Society for which he hath been Precautioned by us Jonathan Earl } Overse
Eber Chace }

Where upon Gideon Chace & Oliver Earl are appointed to labor with him & endeavior to convince him of the inconsistancy of his conduct with our Pro=fession & report the state of his mind at next meeting

The committee haveing in charge a Subscription to raise 200 Dollars to Supply our Treasury ordered in 9th mo 1816 informed that it was not yet Setled they are therefore continued to have the charge thereof & report at next meeting

Oliver Earl Gideon Chace & William Slade are appointed to make the necessary provision for the Quarterly meeting to be held at this place & present the expence thereof at a future meeting

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 24th of 11th mo 1817 The representative named in the Several accts are, for Swan=sey David Earl & Palmer Chace for Freetown Samuel Shove & John Boyce all Present except Palmer Chace for whose absence Satisfactory reason was given

The representatives appointed last month to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with John Earl informed that they had paid attention to their appointment tho not ready to make a report they are again continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

The Committee appointed at last meeting to labor with Eber Buffinton informed that they had attended to their appointment tho not ready to make report at this time they are therefore continued to labor with him & desired to report at next meeting

The Committee haveing in Charge a Subscribtion to raise 200 Dollars ordered in 9th mo 1816 have Collected & Setteled the Sum as appears by the following receit

Somerset 23d of 11th mo 1817

Received of Swansey Monthly meeting by the hands of their Committee Two hundred Dollars in full for that Sum ordered in 9th mo 1816
Benjn Slade } Treasurer

The Committee appointed at last meeting to make Provision for the Quarterly meeting made the following report Viz we of the Committee appointed to make Provision for the Quarterly meeting have attended to our appointment and the Expence thereof is ten Dollars Gideon Chace Oliver Earl
which this meeting accepts & allows their accts and our Treasurer is directed to pay the Same & Draw on the Quarterly meetings Treasurer for that Sum & the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute

Enoch B Chace returned to this meeting Copy of a minute granted him 28th of 4th mo last with the ~~To Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends~~ following indorsment thereon

To Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends

The within named Enoch B Chace being about to return to your meeting this may inform that his conduct while with us has been orderly as far as appears & he has attended our meetings as frequent as Could be expected from his remote Situation therefrom Signed by direction of Salem Monthly meeting of Friends held at Lynn 11 of 9th mo. 1817 Samuel Philbrick Clerk

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 29th of 12th mo. 1817 The representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey Edward Chace & Moses Buffinton for Freetown Isaac Woodward & Abraham Chace all Present

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with John Earl informed that they were not ready to report they are therefore again continued and desired to report at next meeting

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with Eber Buffinton made the following report (Viz) To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swansey 29th of 12th mo. 1817 we the Committee in the Case of Eber Buffinton have had Several opportunities with him, and he does not appear to us in a Disposition to condemn his misconduct

Gideon Chace Oliver Earl

which this meeting accepts and he the Said Eber Buffinton with the Concurence of the womens meeting is hereby denied a right of membership with us untill he by a circumspect life manifest Sincere return & William Lawton is appointed to inform him thereof also his right of appeal

Our Esteemed Friend Joseph Tripp attended this meeting with a Copy of a minute from Westport monthly meeting held 10th mo. 16th 1817 expresive of his being a minister in unity with them, whose Company has been truly Satisfactory to us & the Clerk is directed to indors a Copy of this minute on the Back of his & Sign in behalf of this meeting also our Beloved Friend Alice Rathbone attended this meeting with a Copy of a minute from Smithfield Monthly meeting held 30th of 10th mo. 1817 expresive of her being a Minister in good esteem with them her Company & labours in love has been truly acceptable to us

Received from westport Mo.ly meeting a Certificate in behalf of Aaron Buffinton & family dated 9th mo. 18th 1817 which gave no information respecting the Settlement of his outward affairs, it is therefore judged expedient that it be returned & the Clerk is directed to forward the Same together with a Copy of this minute to that meeting

The Committee continued in 9th mo. last having in Charge a Subscribtion to raise 200 Dollars to Supply our Treasury not having Compleated the Same are still continued to have the Charge thereof & desired to report at next meeting

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 26 of 1 mo.th 1818 the Representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey Clark Shove and William Lawton for Freetown David Shove & Azariah Shove all Present

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from the Several Preparative meetings were read from which general Answers were agreed on as the State of this meeting and directed to be forwarded to ~~our~~ next Quarterly meeting to be held at Providence by our Representatives who are Stephen Chace Wm Slade & David Shove & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute

The Committee Continued at last meeting to labor with John Earl are again continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

Swansey Preparative meeting in their acct informed that Moses Aldrich proposed offering his intention of Marriage with Mary Shove at this meeting who accordingly appeared with her & declared their intention of takeing Each other in Marriage & they desired to wait till our next meeting for answer

The Committee continued at last meeting haveing in Charge a Subscribtion to raise 200 Dollars to Supply our Tresury not haveing Compleated the Same are still continued to have the Charge thereof & desired to report at next meeting

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 23d of 2nd mo.th 1818 The Representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey Edward Chace & Oliver Chace for Freetown Enoch Boyce & Edward Shove all Present except Oliver Chace for whose absence satisfactory reason was given

The Representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended except David Shove

The Committee continued at last meeting in case of John Earl made the following report (Viz) To the Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 23d of 2nd mo.th 1818 We your Committee in the Case of John Earl have attended to our appointment had an opportunity with him and he appeard in some good ~~[illegible]~~ degree Sensible of his misconduct & desires of makeing Friends satisfaction

Benjn Slade Stephen Chace
Daniel Buffinton Azariah Shove

Which this meeting accepts — — & the said John Earl appearing in this
meeting did acknowledge that he was sincerely sorry for all his past misconduct
desireing friends to pass it by & Continue him under their Care which is
accepted for satisfaction
The Printed general Epistle from the yearly meeting of Friend in London
for 1817 was received & read at this time the salutory advices therein
contained were to our edification & Comfort

Swansey Preparative meeting forwarded to this the following informa-
tion (Viz) To the Preparative meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset
19th of 2nd mo 1818 Dear Friends Lemuel Chace a member of our Society
hath deviated from our well known Principle by keeping company & proceeding in
Marriage Contrary to Discipline with one that was his first Cousin
Jonathan Earl Palmer Chace Overseers
Whereupon Weston Earl & Gideon Chace are appointed to labor with him
& endeavior to Convince him of the error of his conduct & report the State of
his mind at next meeting

Nothing appearing to this meeting to obstruct the procedure in marriage
of Moses Aldrich with Mary Shove he Presenting the following Certificate
From Smithfield Monthly meeting held by adjournment 19th of 2nd mo 1818
To Swansey Monthly meeting — Dear Friends — Moses Aldrich a
member of this meeting requested our Certificate in order to proceed in
marriage with Mary Shove a member of your Monthly meeting, we
certify that on enquiry we find nothing to hinder his proceeding therein
Signed in & by order of above Sd Meeting by John Osborn Clerk
they are therefore at liberty to accomplish their Sd intention agreable to
the order of Friends & by request a meeting is appointed for that purpose to
be held at this house to morrow 21th instant at 11th hour & William Slade
& Eber Slade are appointed to See the same Solemnized & marriage
Certificate recorded & report at next meeting

The Committee haveing in Charge a subscribtion to raise 200 Dollars to Sup-
ply our Treasury not haveing Compleated the same are again continu-
ed & desired to report at next meeting

Our Esteemed Friend Jonathan Chace Spread before this meeting a
Concern that had been Sometime on his mind of visiting some meetings
within the verge of Smithfield Quarterly meeting which being united with
he is at liberty to pursue his prospect he being a member of this meeting
& a Minister in good esteem the Clerk is directed to furnish him with
a Copy of this minute

Our Esteemed Friend Benjamin Buffinton opened in this meeting a Concern
that had accompanied his mind for sometime of visiting some meetings with-
in the verge of Smithfield Quarterly meeting which being united with
he is at liberty to pursue his prospect he being a member of this meeting
& a minister in good esteem the Clerk is directed to furnish him
with a Copy of this minute

At Rhode Island Quarterly meeting held at Providence 5th of 2nd mo 1818 this meeting agreed that the Sum of Three Hundred Dollars be raised to Supply our Treasury Swansey Monthly meeting proportion of the Same is thirty one Dollars

Obadiah Brown Clerk

3 At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 30th of 3rd mo 1818 The representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey Palmer Chace & Daniel Buffinton for Freetown Luther Lincoln & Enoch B Chace all Present

The committee appointed at last meeting to labor with Lemuel Chace informed that they have attended to their appointment tho not ready to make a full report they are therefore Continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

The Committee appointed to See the marriage of Moses Aldrich & Mary Shove Solemnized reported that they attended Same & nothing appeared but that the Same was agreeable to the order of friends & that the Certificate was handed to the regester to for recording

The Committee haveing in charge a Subscribtion to raise 200 dollars to Supply our Treasury informed that they have attended to that matter tho not Compleated the Same & that the prospect of collecting the deficiency [illegible] appears to them to be Small they are therefore continued to have the Charge thereof & report at next meeting

The embaresed State of our Treasury and difficulty of raising money to Supply it being oppened in [illegible] & weightily considered by this meeting Joseph Buffinton Weston Earl James Maxwell Luther Lincoln Azariah Shove Oliver Chace Benjamin Slade William Slade & Isaac Woodward are appointed to take the Same into their consideration & endeavour to point out the best method in their Judgment to raise the deficiency already agreed on to be raised to propose a Sum necessary to be raised to Supply the Treasury & aportion the Same amongst the members of this meeting if in their Judgment necessary & report at next meeting

This meeting was informed that Enoch B Chace was about to reside Some time within the limits of Salem Monthly meeting & requests a few lines to Shew his right of membership with us he being a member of this meeting of orderly life & Conversation the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 27th of 4th mo-818 The representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swansey Eber Slade & Daniel Buffinton for Freetown Theophilus Shove & Azariah Shove all Present

The Queries with answers from the Several Preparative meetings were read in this & general answers agreed on as the State of this meeting & are directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting to be held at East Greenwich by our representatives who are Oliver Chace Benjamin Slade & Moses Buffinton & the Clerk is requested to furnish them with a copy of this minute together with the answers

The Committee continued at last meeting to labour with Lemuel Chace informed that they have attended to their appointment tho not ready to make a full report they are therefore continued & desired to report at next meeting

Swansey Preparative meeting in their acct informed that John Earl had removed with his family within the verge of Providence Monthly meeting & requested our Certificate whereupon Gideon Chace & Oliver Earl are appointed to Draught one (if nothing appears as to obstruct) and present to next meeting

Swansey Preparative meeting in their account informed that Robinson Buffinton proposed offering his intention of marriage with Elizabeth B Chace at this meeting, who accordingly appeared with her and declared their intention of takeing Each other in marriage & Stephen Chace & Nathan Buffinton are appointed to make the necessary enquiry respecting their proceedure & report at next meeting

The Committee haveing the care of Taunton meeting made the following report (Viz) We your Committee in regard to Taunton meeting have attened to our appointment. and all the meetings have been attended we know not but to a pretty good degree of reputation & think it best that a meeting be continued there Every first day under the Care of a committee for six moths
26th of 4th mo 1818) on behalf of the Committee by James Maxwell
Hannah Earl

which this meeting accepts & a meeting continued there accordingly under the care of the same committee they desired to report in the 10th mo next or Sooner if in their Judgment necessary

It appearing to this meeting that the Friend standing as regester or recorder of Marriage Certificates has removed without the verge of this meeting therefore Abner Slade is appointed for that Service

The committee continued at last meeting haveing in charge a subscribtion to raise money to Supply our Tresury informed that they have made some

Progress in collecting & that the deficiency has been apportioned on memb
of this meeting they are therefore continued to have the charge thereof
& report at next meeting

4 The committee appointed at last meeting to devise the best metho
of raising money to supply our Treasury &c made the following report
(viz) To the Monthly meeting now setting. We your committee appointed
to propose some way to raise the deficiency of our last Subscription &c.
have attended to our appointment and proportioned the same on the mem
=bers of this meeting according to the best of our Judgment. Also have made
a proportionment of one hundred Dollars more. but think best to raise
two hundred, as that will about discharge the present demands
against the Monthly meeting which we submit

Signed on behalf of the Committee Oliver Chace

which this meeting accepts, and agree to raise two hundred Dollars
as therein proposed, and it being the judgment of this meeting to be
expedient to have a standing committee for the purpose of collecting
the above sum & for apportioning & collecting all sums of money agreed
on by this meeting to be raised in future, whose duty it shall be to
hear & determine on the grievences of such of our members as think
themselves overburdened, whereupon Wm Slade Eber Slade
Theophilus Shove. Moses Buffinton Josiah Woodward Stephen
Chace Oliver Chace & Azariah Shove are appointed to that service
for the ensueing year

5 At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at
Somerset 25th of 5th mo 1818 The representatives named
in the Several accts are for Swansey Eber Chace & Weston
Earl for Freetown David Shove & Luther Lincoln
all Present Except Luther Lincoln

The Representatives ~~named in the~~ are appointed to attend the
Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with
Lemuel Chace not being ready to report are again continued
for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

The committee appointed at last meeting to inquire into
the Clearness of the proceedure in marriage of Robinson
Buffinton with Elizabeth B Chace reported that nothing appeared

to them to obstruct sd proceedure; they are therefore at liberty to accomplish the Same agreeable to the order of Friends William Slade & Reuben Chace are appointed to see said marriage consummated & Certificate recorded & report at next meeting

The Committee appointed at last meeting to Draught a certificate in behalf of John Earl presented one which being read was approved of Signed by the Clerk & Palmer Chace is appointed to forward the Same to the place directed

The Committee continued in the 10th mo 11th last to labor with Apollos Anthony informed that they have attended to their appointment tho not ready to report they are therefore with the addition of Gideon Chace continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

Received from Westport Monthly meeting a removal Certificat in behalf of Aaron Buffinton & family which is accepted & directed to be recorded

It appearing to this meeting that the time for which the Overseers of the Poor were appointed hath expired whereupon Oliver Earl James Maxwell David Shove Daniel Buffinton Moses Buffinton & Theophilus Shove are appointed to that Service for the ensueing year

The Committee continued at last meeting haveing in charge a Subscribtion to raise money to Supply our Treasury not haveing compleated the Same are again continued & desired to report at next meeting

Providence 6th of 5th mo 1818

Received from Swansey Monthly meeting by the hand of Benjn Slade Thirty one Dollars their proportion of Quarterly meeting Stock ordered for the year 1817 David Anthony Q M Treasurr

The following Epistle from our last yearly meeting was recd & read at this time to our edification & comfort –

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6 At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 27th of 6th mo 1818 The representatives named in the sever accts are for Swansey Clark Shove & Robinson Buffinton for Freetown Luther Lincoln junr & Azariah Shove all present except Luther Lincoln junr

The committee continued at last meeting to labor with Lemuel Chace reported that they have attended to their appointment & that he appears in some degree sensible of his misconduct nevertheless they are again continued to have the charge of that matter & desired to report at next meeting

The Committee appointed at last meeting to see the marriage of Robinson Buffinton & Elizabeth B Chace Solemnized reported that they attended the same & nothing appeared to them but that the same was agreeable to the order of Friends & the Certificate handed to the the register for recording

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with Apollos Anthony reported that they have attended to their appointment & that he appears in some degree sensible of his misconduct ~~& that~~ nevertheless they are again continued to have the charge of that matter & desired to report at next meeting

The committee continued at last meeting having in charge a subscription to raise money to supply our treasury not having compleated the same are again continued for that service & desired to report at next meeting

7 At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 27th of 7th mo 1818 The representatives named in the several accts are for Swansey Gideon Chace & Stephen Chace for Freetown Abraham Chace & Edward Shove all present

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from the Several Preparative meetings were read from which a Summary was agreed on as the state of this meeting & directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting to be held at Portsmouth in Rhode Island by our representatives who are Moses Buffinton Clark Shove & Azariah Shove the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute

The Committee continued at last meeting in case of Lemuel Chace are with the addition of Reuben Chace again continued to have the charge of that matter & desired to report in the 9th mo next

our Esteemed Friends Henry Post & Elihu Bunker from the Monthly meeting of Hudson state of N Yorck ~~Penn~~ have been acceptably with us at this time

The Committee continued at last meeting in case of Apollas Anthony made the following report (Viz) We your Committee appointed some time past to labor with Apollas Anthony have had several opportunities with him and he appeared to us to be in a good degree sensible of the error of his conduct & desirous of making Friends Satisfaction & we discovered nothing but that he was sincere therein

Gideon Chace } in behalf of
Eber Slade } the committee

To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be
held at Somerset 27th 7th mth 1818

which this meeting accepts he also presented the following acknowledgment which with the concurrence of the womens meeting is accepted for Satisfaction

To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset 27th of 7th mth 1818 — Respected friends — whereas I sometime past contracted an intimacy & proceeded in marriage with a woman out of our society Contrary to the good order established among friends which conduct & practice I do Condemn & desire friends to pass by mine offence and continue me under your Christian Care

from your friend Apollas Anthony

The committee continued at last meeting having in charge a Sub within to raise money to supply our Treasury not having completed the same are again continued & desired to report at next meeting

Received from Smithfield Monthly meeting a removal certificate in behalf of Hannah Robinson & Children which being accepted is directed to be recorded

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 31st of 8th mo 1818 The Representatives named in several are for Swansey David Earl & Antipas Chace for Freetown John Boyce & Theophilus Shove all present

The representatives appointed at last meeting to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended & presented the following (Viz) At Rhode Island Quarterly meeting held at Portsmouth on Rhode Island 6th of 8th mth 1818 — The Clerk was directed to apportion the sum of one hundred & eighty Dollars the amount of Stock to supply the yearly meeting Treasury as heretofore Swansey Monthly) Obadiah Brown
meeting proportion of that sum is Eighteen Dollars

Nathaniel Wheeler appeared in this meeting & requested to be received into membership with us whereupon Benjamin Buffinton Daniel Davis Jun Reuben Chace & Joseph Buffinton are appointed to visit him and endeavour to discover the sincerity of his mind therein and report their prospect thereof at next meeting

Swansey Preparative meeting in their acct forwarded to this the following information (Viz) Whereas Joseph Burinton a Minor having a right in Society hath So far deviated from our known Principles by giving way to intemperance in the use of ardent Spirits So as to be disguised therewith also by Prophane Language and the neglect of the attendance of our religious meetings who has from time to time been labored with to no effect

To the Preparative meeting of Friends held
at Somerset 27th of 8th mo 1818

Palmer Chace } overseers
Eber Chace }

Whereupon Moses Buffinton David Earl & William Slade are appointed to labor with him and endeavour to convince him of the error of his conduct & report the state of his mind at next meeting

It appearing to this meeting that the time for which the overseers were appointed is expired the Several Preparative meetings are requested to nominate Some Suitable friends for that Service & forward their names to next monthly meeting & the Clerk is directed to furnish Each Preparative meeting with a Copy of this minute

The Committee having in Charge a Subscription to raise 200 Dollars to Supply our Treasury as agreed on in 6th mo 1817 reported that the Same is accomplished

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 28th of 9th mo 1818 The representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swansey Weston Earl & Edward Chace for Freetown David Shove & Azariah Shove all present

The Committee appointed at last meeting in case of Nathaniel Wheelers request reported that they have had a Solid oppertunity with him & that nothing appears to them but that his motives were Sincere which is accepted, and after mature consideration the further disposal of the Subject is referd to next meeting under the Care of the former Committee

The Committee appointed at last meeting to labor with Joseph Burinton informed that they had attended to their appointment but not ready to report they are therefore continued & desired to report at next meeting

It being Proposed to this meeting that it is thought expedient
that the Shed on the meeting house lot Should be moved or Some
alteration or addition made thereto whereupon we appoint Oliver Chace
James Maxwell Nathan Chace Wm Slade Benjn Slade
Oliver Earl & Clark Shove to take the Subject into consideration
if in their judgment thought necessary to propose such altera-
tion in Sd Shed & lot as they think will best accommodate friends
& others and liberate Such friends as appear willing to do the Same
Provided it can be done by individual members without any expence
to this meeting

The Epistle together with Some extracts from our last yearly meetg
was received & read at this time = and the Salutory advices therein
contained were to our edification hoping each indiwial may profit thereby

At Swansey ~~Swansey~~ Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 26th
of 10th mo 1818 The representatives named in the Several accts are
for Swansey Reuben Chace & Moses Buffinton for Freetown Theophilus
Shove & David Shove all Present

The Subject refered at last meeting in regard to Nathaniel Wheelers
request Coming again under consideration at this time after mature deliber
=ation thereon & having the concurence of the womens meeting he the Said Nath
=aniel Wheeler is received into membership with us

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from the Several Pre
=parative meetings was read in this from which a Summary was
agreed on as the state thereof & forwarded to our next Quarterly
meeting to be held at this place by our representatives who are Oli
=ver Earl Daniel Buffinton & Luther Lincoln & the Clerk directed to
furnish them with a Copy of this minute

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with Joseph Purinton
made the following report (Viz) To Swansey Monthly meeting we your
Committee have had Several opportunities with Joseph Purinton and
Labored to convince him of his misconduct for which he dont appear
in a disposition to make friends Satisfaction

Somerset 25th of 10th mo 1818

David Earl
Moses Buffinton
William Slade

which this meeting accepts & having the concurence of the womens
meeting he the Sd Joseph Purinton is denied a right of membership
with us untill he by a circumspect life manifest a sincere return
& Gideon Chace is appointed to inform him thereof

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with Lemuel Chace
informed that they have attended to their appointment yet not
ready to report they are again continued for that Service & desired
to report at next

The Committee having the Care of Taunton meeting made the
following report which this meeting accepts (Viz)

We your Committee in regard to Taunton meeting have attended to our appointment & most of us Sd meeting & all the meetings has been attended & nothing has occured to us but that to good Satisfaction and we think well of a meeting being continued there

25th of 10th mo th 1818 on behalf of the Committee by Gideon Chace
Elizabeth Earl

and a meeting is again continued there as heretofore under the Car of the same Committee they desired to report in the 4th mo th next or Sooner if in there judgment neceſsary

William Slade Abner Slade & Moses Buffinton are appointed to make the necessary provision for the Quarterly meeting next to be held at this place & present their bill of the expence thereof at a future meeting

Enoch B Chace returned to this meeting Copy of minute granted him in 3d mo th last with the following indorsment

To Swansey Monthly meeting

The within named Enoch B Chace being about to return to your meeting we may inform that his Company & deportment while with us have been Satisfactory

Signed by direction of Salem Monthly meeting held at Lynn
10th of 9th mo 1818 Samuel Philbrick Clk

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 30th of 11th mo th 1818 the representatives named in the Several account are for Swansey Miller Chace & Jonathan Earl for Freetown Enoch B Chace & Azariah Shove all Present

The Representatives appointed at last meeting to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended & presented the following (viz) At Rhode Island Quarterly meeting held at Somerset 5th of 11th mo 1818 our Treasurer reported that the sum of two hundred & twenty Dollars would be needed to Supply this meetings Treasury the Clerk is directed to apportion the Same as heretofore & send to each Monthly meeting. Swansey Monthly meetings proportion of said Sum is Twenty three Dollars

The Representatives to the Quarterly meeting in the 2nd month next & also annually hereafter are desired & it is hereby concluded to be a part of their duty to consider of & report Some Suitable friends to Serve this meeting as Clerks & the Clerk is directed to Send a Copy of this minute to each monthly meeting

Copy Extracted from the minutes aforesaid Obadiah Brown Clk

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with Samuel Chace not being ready to report are again continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

Swansey Prepreparative meeting in their acct. forwarded the names of Moses Buffinton Joseph Buffinton & Palmer Chace as Suitable friends for overseers which being approved of by this & the womens meeting they are appointed to that Service for the ensuing year

The committee appointed at last meeting to provide for the Quarterly meeting Reported the expence to be eight Dollars which this meeting allows & our Treasurer directed to pay & draw on the Quarterly meeting Treasurer for the Same amount & the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute

It appearing to this meeting that our Treasurers accompts have lain a considerable time unsettled & that one of our audit has been removed by Death we therefore appoint Gideon Chace in addition thereto & they desired to settle the Treasurers accompts & report the state thereof at next meeting

Our Esteemed Friend Mary Chatty attended this meeting with a copy of minute from Smithfield Monthly meeting Dated 29th of 10th mo 1818 expressive of her being a minister in esteem. her company & labors in love has been truly acceptable to us

Our Esteemed friend Avis Keene attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Uxbridge monthly meeting dated 30th of 1st mo. 1818 Expressive of her being a minister in good esteem being indorsed by the Same mo. meeting 27th of 11th mo. 1818 her Company and labor in love have been truly acceptable to us

also our Friend Rachel Earl attended this meeting as companion to Avis Keene with a copy of a minute from the same Meeting & date expressive of her being an Elder in unity her company has been acceptable to us

Our Esteemed Friend Moses Farnum attended this meeting in company with Avis Keene & her Companion with a copy of a minute from Uxbridge Monthly meeting date 27th of 11th mo. 1818 Expressive of his being an Elder and of their unity in accompanying the aforesaid friends whose company has been acceptable to us

× The Subject of appointing a meeting at the village of Fall River in Troy being opened in this meeting by request from the members living in & near said village after weighty consideration & deliberation thereon and the concurrence of the womens meeting therein a meeting is agreed to be held there every first day for four months ensueing under the Care of Benjamin Slade William Slade Eber Slade David Earl & Oliver Chace they desired to report in the 5th mo. next or sooner if necessary

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 28th of 12th mo. 1818 The representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swansey William Slade & Daniel Brayton for Freetown Abraham Chace & David Shove all present

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with Samuel Ch
made the following report (Viz) We the Committee in the Case of
Samuel Chace have attended to our appointment and have had Severa
opportunities with him and one of Late to a good Degree of Satisfaction
he appearing to us Sensible of his outgoings and desirous of makein
Friends Satisfaction — on behalf of the Committee Weston Earl

Which this meeting accepts — They also presented from him the following paper of acknowledgement (Viz) To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset &c for Swansey

Esteemed friends, I some time past contracted an intimacy and Proceeded in marriage with my first cousin Contrary to the good order Established among Friends which Conduct I do condemn & desire Friends to pass by my offences and continue me under your Christian Care
From your Friend — Samuel Chace

which is with the concurrence of the womens meeting accepted for Satisfaction

Freetown Preparative meeting in their account forwarded the names of Theophilus Shove & Mariah Shove for overseers which being approved of by this & the womens meeting they are appointed for that service the ensuing year

As requested at last meeting our audit presented the following (Viz) We your audit have Settled the Treasurers accounts up to Date and find a ballance him from the Monthly meeting of Eighteen Dollars & twenty cents and Treasurer hath received out of the last sum agreed upon to be raised by the Monthly meeting one hundred six Dollars & fifteen cents which is reckoned in the above Settlement

Gideon Chace } audit
Jonathan Earl }
Swansey 12th mo 17 day 1818

Benjamin Slade is reappointed Treasurer for this meeting the esuing year

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 25th of 1st mo 1819 The representatives named in the Several acct are for Swansey Miller Chace & Gideon Chace, for Freetown Theophilus Shove & Edward Shove all Present

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from the Several Preparative meetings were read in this from which general answers were agreed on as the State of this meeting which the Clerk is directed to forward to our next Quarterly meeting together with a Copy of this minute by our representatives

who are Oliver Earl & Gideon Chace
our Esteemed Friend Catlet Jones attended this meeting with
a Certificate from the monthly meeting of Friends held
at Salem State of Ohio 16th of 5th mo 1818 expressive of his being
a Minister in good Esteem & of their unity with his prospect with
an indorsement thereon from Salem Quarterly meeting held 8th
of 9th mo 1818 expressive of their unity with his intended visit his
company & labors in love has been acceptable to us
& the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute

our Esteemed friend Samuel Davis attended this meeting as compa-
-nion to the above named Catlet Jones with a Certificate from
Salem Monthly meeting held 14th of 7th mo 1818 expressive of his
being a member in unity his company has been acceptable to us
and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset
22nd of 2nd mo 1819 The representatives named in the Several acct.
are for Swansey Palmer Chace & Benjamin Slade for Freetown
John Boyce & Azariah Shove all present
The Friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting as repre-
-sentatives informed that they all attended
The Overseers presented the following information (Viz)
To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for
Swansey 22nd of 2nd mo 1819 — Dear Friends Samuel Lawton
a member of our Society haveing for several years been absent
and not returning according to his agreement his Creditors are
likely to Suffer Loss by him, he also haveing departed
from the Simplicity of plainess

Moses Buffinton } overseers
Joseph Buffinton }
Palmer Chace

which is accepted & the disposal thereof referd to next meeting
At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 29th of
3rd mo 1819 The representatives named in the Several accts are for
Swansey Clark Shove & Oliver Chace for Freetown Enoch Boyce
& David Shove all present
The Subject referd at last meeting respecting the misconduct of
Samuel Lawton coming under consideration is again refered
to next meeting

The Committee having the care of the meeting at Fallriver made the following report (Viz) To the Monthly now siting 3d moth 29 1819

Dear Friends – we your committee having the care of the meeting at Fallriver have Several of us attended all the meetings there and nothing hat appears to us but that they have been reputablely attended & we beleive to a good degree of Satisfaction, & it is the request of the members of that vilige that a meeting be continued there which we think well of – all which is Submitted to Friends {David Earl Mary Buffinton) on behalf of committee

which is accepted and a meeting agreed to be continued there under the care of the same committee they to report Quarterly or sooner if in their judgment necessary

Swansey Preparative meeting in their acct presented the following information (Viz) To the Preparative meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset 25th of 3d mo 1819

Dear Friends Joseph Chace hath departed from our Testimony by keeping company and proceeding in marriage with one not a member of our Society likewise not kept to the Simplicity of plainness Palmer Chace Joseph Buffinton overseers

which is accepted and Oliver Chace Benjamin Earl Wm Slade & Edmond Chace are appointed to labor with him and endeavour to convince him of the inconsistancy of his conduct with our professio & report the state of his mind at next meeting

The Friend appointed to inform Joseph Puminton of his being denied a right of membership with us, reported that he had informed him thereof

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 26th of 4th moth 1819 The representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swansey William Slade & Benjamin Earl for Freetown Enoch B Chace & Abraham Chace all present

The Queries with answers from the Several preparative meetings were read in this from which general answers were agreed on as the state of this meeting & are forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting to be held at Greenwich by our representatives who are Benjamin Slade James Maxwell & Edmond Chace & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this & other minuts necessary for them

The Subject referd at last meeting respecting the Subject misconduct of Samuel Lawton coming again under consideration Eber Chace Reuben Chace & Benjamin Earl are appointed to have the Charge of that Subject & if way opens communicate with him in writing or otherways, & report in 6th mo next their prospect of Proceedure in the case

The Committee appointed at last meeting to labor with Joseph Chace not being ready to report are again continued & desired to report at next meeting

The committee having the care of Taunton meeting made the following report (Viz) We your committee in regard to Taunton meeting have attended to our appointment & most of sd meeting & all the meetings have been kept up to pretty good Satisfaction

To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held
at Somerset for Swansey 26th of 4th moth 1819

Moses Buffinton
Hannah Earle 2nd

which is accepted & said meeting continued there under their care they desired to report Quarterly or Sooner if in their judgment necessary

our Treasurer is directed to pay the Quarterly meetings Treasurer our Proportion of Quarterly meeting & yearly meeting Stock

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 31st of 5th moth 1819 The representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swansey David Earl & William Lawton Jun for Freetown David Shove & Theophilus Shove all present .

The representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended

The committee continued at last meeting to labor with Joseph Chace reported that they have had Several opportunities with him & that he desires friends to wait with him longer which they thought well of whereupon the Subject is again continued under their care they desired to report at next meeting

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 28th of 6th 1819 The Representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swansey John Buffinton Jun & Anthony Chace for Freetown Abraham Chace & Azariah Shove all Present

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with Joseph Chace not being ready to report are again continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

The Committee appointed in the 4th moth last in case of Samuel Lawton reported that they have attended to their appointment & had Several conferences together on the Subject yet no way opening to them for a communication with him nor much prospect of his making friends Satisfaction nevertheless the disposal of that matter is again referd to next meeting under their care

It appearing to this meeting that the time for which the committee appointed in the 4th mo 1818 to have the charge of aportioning money &c being expird they [illegible] are therefore reappointed to that Service for the ensuing year

This meeting agrees to raise 300 Dollars to Supply our Treasury & the committee having the Charge of aportioning & raising moneys ~~are~~ desired to take the care thereof & aportion & endeavour to collect the above Sum & pay the Same to our Treasurer

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Som
=erset 26th of 7th mo 1819 The representatives named in the Sev
=ral accts are for Swansey Oliver Chace & Edmond Chace for
Freetown Theophilus Shove & David Shove all present.

The Committee having the charge of the meeting at Fall river mad
the following report (Viz) 7th mo 26th 1819 To the Monthly
meeting of Friends now siting we your Committee having the
care of Fall river meeting have several of us attended all the meeti
there which we think have been reputably kept up & to a good degree
of satisfaction Eber Slade Eunice Brayton
on behalf of the Committee

which being acceptable they are continued to have the charge
thereof as heretofore

The Committee haveing the charge of Taunton meeting made the follow
=ing Report (Viz) To the Monthly meeting now siting 26th of 7th mo 1819
we your committee having the Care of Taunton meeting have attended to our appoint
=ment & all the meetings have been attended & when we were present to pretty good
satisfaction & think well of continuing a meeting there for one month except the 1st
day preceeding next monthly meeting Joseph Buffinton Hannah Earl
on behalf of the Committee
which being accepted a meeting is continued there for one month (as stat
=ed in said report) under the care of the former committee they
desired to report at next meeting

The queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from the Several Pre
=parative meetings were read in this from which general answers were
agreed on as the state of this meeting & directed to be forwarded to our
next Quarterly meeting to be held at Portsmouth on Rhode Island
by our representatives who are Nathaniel Wheeler David Shove &
Anthony Chace & the Clerk desired to furnish them with a Copy of this minute

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with Joseph Chace inform
that they have attended to their appointment yet not ready to report they
are therefore continued for that Service & report at next meeting

The Subject refer'd at last meeting respecting the misconduct of Samuel
Lawton Coming again under consideration & by the committees information
nothing favourable on his behalf haveing come to their knowledge therefor
with the concurence of the womens meeting he the Said Samuel Lawton
is hereby denied a right of membership with us untill he doth mani
=fest a sincere return & Gideon Chace is appointed to inform him thereof
when opportunity shall present

This meeting was informed that William Chace requested a Certificate to
Smithfield Monthly meeting on account of Marriage

where upon Daniel Braytor & Palmer Chace are appointed to prepare one for him & present to next meeting if nothing appears to obstruct

The London Printed general Epistle for 1818 was received & read at this time, the Salutory advice & council hath been very acceptable tous

Received from our last yearly meeting the following extracts (Viz)

At our yearly Meeting held on Rhode Island for New England

6th mo. 16th The committee appointed at our last sitting on the state of the School Fund presented the following Report (Viz)

We have examed the Subscription papers (in the hands of the Treasurer of the fund) and find that $2632 will from the most correct information we can obtain be paid soon. and in further aid of the institution we think it will be necessary to rase $2000 and that a Subscription be entered into for the purpose of raising that Sum at this time but should there be a deficiency we recommend that it be Sent down to the Several Quarterly & Monthly meetings for friends to Subscribe in their freedom

John Osborn, Moses Starkey, John Brown, Benjamin Mott,
Enoch Breed, Zenas Gardner, Josiah Dow.
Newport 16th of 6th mo 1819

Which having been considered and the propositions therein contained unite with, a Committee was appointed to call on Friends to contribute in their fre=dom to the object in view and report at a future sitting

The Committee appointed (as by previous minute) at the next sitting reporte that they had obtained Subscriptions in aid of the School Fund, to the amount of $925:50 which falling Short of the Sum proposed to be raised and it appearing that the state of the Treasury of the Institution is such as to afford no adequate means of defraying expences which will be necessarily incurred in making such improvements about the house & lot as are requisite for the better accommodatio and convenience of the yearly meeting School. and it being at the same time thought very desirable that a fund should be commenced which in the progress of the institution may extend its usefulness to the Children of Friends in more moderate circumstances than can now avail themselves of it. the Clerk is directed to transmit copies of these minutes to our Several Quarterly and monthly Meetings in the expectation from the concern here manifested that friends will contribute according to their ability in promotion of these objects —

Such Subscriptions as may be obtained to be forwarded to Moses Brown Treasurer of the yearly meeting School fund

Extracted from the minutes of the meeting aforesaid held by adjournments from the 13th to the 16th of the 6th mo 1819

Abraham Shearman junr Clerk

Whereupon a subscription was entird into at this time for the desired oby and Benjamin Slade Moses Buffinton & Azariah Shove are appointed to have the charge there of and report at a future meeting

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 30th of 8th mo.th 1819 The representatives named in the Several acc.ts are for Swansey Oliver Earl & Stephen Chace for Freetown Luther Lincoln & Azariah Shove all present

The Committee haveing the Care of Taunton meeting made the following report (Viz.) we your committee in reguard to Taunto meeting have attended to our appointment & Some of us all the meetin there since last month to good Satisfaction, the subject of a meetin being continued there has been treated on with Some of the members living within the limits thereof who appear to be different in their judgment respecting said meeting unless attended by Some more than its particular members which we Submit to the meeting

30th of 8th mo.th 1819 on behalf of the Committee

Moses Buffinton
Mary Buffinton

which this meeting accepts and after weighty deliberation there on said meeting is continued to be held there (as last month) for one month under the Care of the same committee with the addition of David Earl they desired to report at next meeting their prospect & judgment of Longer continuation

The representatives appointed at last meeting to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended & presented the following extract (Viz.) It being proposed to raise three hundred Dollars for the service of the ensueing year Swansey Monthly meeting is requested to forward to our Treasurer thirty one Dollars its proportion of that Sum

By direction of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at Portsmouth 5th of 8th mo.th 1819 Arnold Congdon Clerk

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with Joseph Chac reported that they have attended to their appointment & are again continued to have the charge there of & desired to report at next meetin

The Committee appointed at last meeting to Draft a Certificate on account of Marriage for William Chace presented one which being approved of is Signed by the Clerk

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1819 At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 27th of 9th mo.th 1819 The representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swansey William Slade & John Buffinton jun.r for Freetown Edward Shove & David C Shove all present

The Committee having the care of the meeting at Taunton made the following report (Viz) we your Committee having the Charge of Taunton meeting have attended to our appointment, also all the meetings, which have been attended to pretty good Satisfaction and think well of a meeting being Continued there for two months as the last continuance under the Care of a Committee which we Submit to the meeting) David Earl Joseph Buffinton
26th of 9th mo 1819) Mary Buffinton Hannah Earl Moses Buffinton
Gideon Chace

Which this meeting accepts & Said meeting is accordingly continued there as heretofor for two months under the care of the Same Committee they then desired to report

the committee continued at last meeting to labor with Joseph Chace are again continued & desired to report at next meeting

Our Esteemed Friend Ruth Spencer attended this meeting with a certificate from Ransselaevill Monthly meeting State of Newyork Dated 7th mo 22nd 1819 Expresive of her being a minister in good Esteem & of their unity with her intended visit her company & labors in love have been truly acceptable to us

Also our Friend Nathan Spencer acceptablely attended this meeting as a companion to his wife Ruth Spencer with a certificate from the aforsaid Monthly meeting Dated 8th mo 26th 1819 expresive of his being an Elder in good Esteem & of their unity with his intended visit

William Lawton informed this meeting that he was about to make a visit to his Friends and relation at Palmyra within the verge of Farmington Monthly meeting State of Newyork with a prospect of Spending the ensuing winter he being a member of this meeting the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 25th of 10th mo 1819 The representatives named in the Several acts are for Swansey Reuben Chace & Eber Slade for Freetown Abraham Chace & Theophilus Shove all present

The Queries with answers from the Several preparative meetings to the 1st 2nd & 10th were read from which general answers were agreed on as the State of this meeting & directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting next to be held at this place by Stephen Chace Theophilus Shove & Moses Buffinton who are appointed to attend the Same as our representatives & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute

x The Committee haveing the charge of the meeting held at Fall-R
made the following report (Viz) To the Monthly meeting of Friends now siting we your committee haveing the charge of the meeting at Fall river have attended all the meetings there & belaive they have been reputably kept up and to degree of Satisfaction on behalf of the committee Eber Slade Phebe Slade
10th moth 25-1819
which being acceptable & they are again continued to have the Charge thereof as heretofore

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with Joseph Chace informed that they have paid Some attention to their appointment yet not ready to report they are therefore again continued and desired to report at next meeting

Miller Chace & Weston Earl are appointed to make the necessary provision for the Quarterly meeting next to be held at this place & present their acct for the expence thereof at a future meeting

This meeting being informed that Baylies Chace a minor was ~~a~~ bout plac as an apprintice with in the verge of Salem Monthly meeting & that he request setting to Shew his right of of membership he being a member of this meeting the Clerk is directed to Send Salem Monthly meeting a copy of this minute

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 29th of 11th mo 1819 The representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swansey Clerk Shove & Edmond Chace for Freetown Isaac Woodward & Luther Lincoln all present

The representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with Joseph Chace not being ready to report and by their request that matter is continued under their care for two months they desired to report in 1st month next

The committee haveing the care of Taunton meeting made the following report (Viz) We your committee in case of Taunton meeting have Several of us attended the Same Since the last report and we fear that Truth hath not been Honoured by their meeting to gether when the Committee has been absent but when we have ~~been present~~ attended, it has been to pretty good Satisfaction & we think well of a meeting being continued there on the Second first day in each month for three months to come under the care of a committee provided Some of them attend the Same. all which we Submit to the meeting
David Earl
11th moth 29th 1819 on behalf of the committee Elizabeth Earl

Which after weighty deliberation thereon a meeting is agreed to be held there for one month (Viz) on the first & 3d first day under the care of the form committee with the addition of Nathaniel Wheeler they desired to report at next meeting their prospect of its longer continuation

At Providence Monthly meeting the 29th of 9th moth 1819

The Committee in the Case of Job Anthony report that two of them have again visited him on acct of his violation of our Christian Testimony against bearing Arms but that he not only manifests no disposition to make friends Satisfaction but has repeated the act, and that they consider further labor with him at this time will not be attended with usefulness - This meeting after consider=ation with the concurrence of the Womens Monthly meeting concludes to disown unity with him as a member of our Society and Joseph Anthony is appointed to inform him thereof

The assistant Clerk is directed to forward to Swansey Monthly meeting a Copy of the above minute

Extracted from the minutes of the meeting aforesaid
Arnold Congdon assistant Clerk

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 27th of 12th moth 1819 The representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swansey Abner Slade & Jonathan Earl for Freetown David Shove & Azariah Shove all Present

The Committee having the Care of Taunton meeting made the following report (viz) We of your Committee in care of Taunton Taunton meeting have Some of us attended each meeting which have been to a degree of Satisfaction & we think well of its being continued as last month for one month which we Submit to the meeting - on behalf of the Committee
12th mo 26th 1819
Nathaniel Wheler
Elizabeth Earl

Which being acceptable Said meeting is continued there as last moth under the care of the Same committee they desired to report at next meeting

Received the following information (viz) To the Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for Swansey - Dear Friends Nathan Rhodes a member of this meeting having some time past removed from here into the limits of your meeting without Settling his outward affairs to the Satisfaction of his Creditors and we are informed has Since married out of the unity of Friends and the distance being Such as renders it difficult for us to extend the neces=sary care in these particulars we therefore request your assistance therein desiring to be informed the result of your labour in that case and your Sence of the State of his mind - with our Salutation of Brotherly love we conclude and remain -

your Friends — Signed by direction and on behalf of Easthoosuc Monthly meeting held 2nd of 9th mo 1819

John Upton 2nd Clerk

Whereupon Gideon Chace Azariah Shove & Eber Slade are appointed to labour with him on those Subjects & report the state of his mind at next meeting

The overseers presented the following (viz) To Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 27th of 10th mo 1819 — Dear Friends Samuel Shove a member of our Society has for a considerable length of time been in the frequent and excessive use of ardent Spirits to the dishonor of truth and the reproach of society for which he hath been labored with to no effect which we Submit to the meeting

Theophilus Shove Azariah Shove

Whereupon David Earl Weston Earl & Gideon Chace are appointed to labor with him & endeavour to Convince & reclaim him of the error of his conduct & report the State of his mind at next meeting

The Committee appointed in the 6th mo th last to make Provision for the Quarterly meeting reported the expence to be Seven Dollars which being allowed our Treasurer is directed pay the same and draw on the Quarterly meetings Treasurer for that amount

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 31st of 1st mo 1820 The representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swansey Benjamin Slade & Nathan Chace for Freetown Abraham Chace & Theophilus Shove all present

The Queries with answers from the Several Preparative meetings to the 1st 2nd & 10th were read in this from which general answers were agreed on as the state of this meeting & directed to to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting to be held at Providence by our representatives who are Gideon Chace Reul Chace & Theophilus Shove & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute

The Committee appointed at last meeting to labor with Nathan Rhodes informed that they have attended to their appointment & had an opportunity with him — yet not ready to make a full report they are therefore continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

The Committee appointed at last meeting labour with ~~[illegible]~~ Samuel Shove informed that they have attended to their appointment

appointment & had an opportunity with him to agree of Satisfaction yet not ready to to make a full report they are therefore continued to labour with him & report at next meeting

The Committee continued in 11th mo th last to labour with Joseph Chace informed that they have attended to their appointment tho not ready to make a full report they are therefore continued for that Service & desired to report in 3rd mo th next

Swansey Preparative meeting forwarded to this the following information (Viz). To the Preparative meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swansey 27th of 1st mo th 1820 Esteemed friends - Darius Buffinton hath so far deviated from our known Discipline as to keep company and proceed in marriage with one not a member of our Society also a first Cousen — Palmer Chace Moses Buffinton overseers Whereupon Clerk Shove William Slade & James Maxwell are appointed to labour with him & indeavour to convince & reclaim him from the error of his conduct & report the state of his mind at next meeting

This meeting being informed that Hervey Chace had gone to reside within the verge of Leeds Monthly meeting (District of Maine) he being a member of this meeting & of an orderly life & conversation the Clerk is directed to furnish that Monthly meeting with a Copy of this minute

The Committee having the care of the meeting at Fall River made the following report (Viz) To Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset 1st mo 31st 1820 we your committee having the care of the meeting at Fall river have one or more of us attended all the meetings there & belive they have been kept up to a good degree of Satisfaction on behalf of the committee Eber Slade, Phebe Slade

which being acceptable they are again continued to have the Charge there of as heretofore

The Committee having the care of Taunton meeting made the following report (Viz) we of the committee having the care of Taunton meeting have Some of us atteded all the meetings since last mo th to a good degree of reputation & think well of a meeting being continued there for one month as last continuence under the Care of a committee which we Submit to the meeting
Signd on behalf of the committee — Nathaniel Wheeler
1st mo 31st 1820 Ruth Buffinton

which being acceptable S'd meeting is continued there agreeable to S'd report under the care of the same committee they desired to report at next meeting

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset
28th of 2nd mo.th 1820 The representatives named in the Several acc.ts
are for Swansey Palmer Chace & Edmond Chace for Freetown Sa
Shove & John Boyce all present

The representatives appointed at last meeting to attend the Quarterly
meeting reported that they all attended

The Committee continued at last meeting to labour with Nath
Rhodes not being ready to report are again continued for that ser
vice & desired to report in the 4th mo.th next

The Committee continued at last meeting to labour with
Samuel Shove not being ready to report are again continued for
that service & desired to report in 4th mo.th next

The Committee appointed at last meeting to labour with Darius
Buffinton informed that they have had an opportunity with him
to a degree of Satisfaction tho' not ready to report they are therefore
continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

The Committee having the Charge of Taunton meeting made the
following report (Viz.) We of the Committee having the Charge
of Taunton meeting Some of us have attended all the meetings
there Since last month, S.d meetings has been kept with Some
good degree of Satisfaction and think well of a meeting being
continued there for two months under the care of a committee as
last continuance which we Submit to the meeting
Gideon Chace Moses Buffinton Hannah Earl &

which being acceptable the meeting is continued there accordingly
agreeable to S.d report under the care of the Same committee they
desired to report in the 4th mo.th next

Our Esteemed Friend Jonathan Chace opened in this meeting a
Concern that had been Some time on his mind of makeing a religious
visit to Some meetings & families of Friends within the verge of
Sandwich Quarterly meeting he being a Minister in unity with
us & this meeting uniteing with his prospect he is left at liberty
to pursue the Same as truth may direct — the Clerk is directed
to furnish him with a copy of this minute

Our Esteemed Friend Daniel Brayton opened in this
meeting a prospect which he had of accompanying our Frien

Jonathan Chace on a religious visit to some meetings & families
of Friends within the verge of Sandwich Quarterly meeting
he being a minister in unity with us & this meeting uniting with his
prospect the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy
of this minute

The Overseers presented the following information (viz) To the
Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swansey 28th of
2nd mo 1820 Esteemed Friends Nathan Slade hath so far deviated
from the path of true rectitude & virtue in having been too
formiller with a young woman which is made manifest by her
Loging her oath that he is the Father of a Child that She has
Moses Buffinton } overseers
Palmer Chace
whereupon Oliver Chace Gideon Chace & Reuben Chace are
appointed to labour with him & endeavour to Convince & recla
=im him of the error of his conduct & report at next meeting

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset
27th of 3d mo 1820 The representatives named in the Several
accounts are for Swansey Eber Chace & Benjamin Earl for Freetown
Enoch B Chace & Enoch Boyce all present

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with Darias
Buffinton not being ready to report they are therefore continued
& desired to report at next meeting

The comittee appointed at last meeting to labour with Nathan
Slade informed that they had attended to their appointement yet not
ready to report, they are therefore continued for that Service & desired to
report at next meeting

The Committee continued in the 11th mo last to labour with Joseph
Chace 2nd not being ready to report are again continued for
that Service & desired to report at next meeting

It appearing to this meeting that the time for which the Overseers
were appointed haveing expired & after weigty deliberation there on
the following Friends are reappointed to that Service for the
ensueing year (Viz) Moses Buffinton Joseph Buffinton Theop
=hilus Shove & Azariah Shove with the addition of Oliver Earl
Daniel Buffinton & Edmond Chace haveing the Concurrence
of the womens meeting therein

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset
24th of 4th mo 1820 The representatives named in the Several
accounts are for Swansey ~~Theophilus~~ Shove & Eber Chace for
Freetown Enoch Boyce & Abraham Chace all present

The Queries with answers from the Several Preparative meeting were read in this from which general answers were agreed on as the State of this meeting and directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting to be held at East Greenwich by our representatives who are William Slade James Maxwell & Azariah Shove & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this & other minutes necessary for the Quarterly meeting

This meeting has united with the womens meeting in the appoinment of Hannah Earl 2nd to the place of an Elder, and informat thereof directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with Dariu Buffinton made the following report (Viz) We your Committee in case of Darius Buffinton have paid attention to our appointment and he appears sensible of the error of the practice & is desirous of making friends Satisfaction which we submit to the meeting James Maxwell Wm Slade Clerk Shove

Somerset 4th mo 24th 1820 — which this meeting accepts they also presented from him a paper condemning his misconduct the disposal of which is refered to next meeting

The Committee haveing the care of Taunton meeting made the following report (Viz) To the Monthly meeting now Siting, We your committee haveing the care of Taunton meeting have most of us attended to our appointment and we beleive all the meetings held there have been attended by Some of us to Some degree of Satisfaction and we think well of continuing a meeting there every first Day except that preceeding the monthly meeting for three months under the care of a committee all which we Submit to the meeting
David Earl
on behalf of the committee — Mary Shove 2nd

which being acceptable a meeting is continued there agreable to Said report under the care of the Same committee they desired to report in 7th mo next or Sooner if in their judgment necessary

The Committee haveing the care of the meeting at Fallriver in Troy made the following report (Viz) To the Monthly meeting of Friends now Siting we your committee having the care of the meeting at Fallriver have one or more of us attended all the meetings there & we think they have been reputably kept up & to a good degree of Satisfaction 4th mo 24th 1820 Eber Slade Mary Earl on behalf of Comtt

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with with Nathan Slad not being ready to report are again continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

The Committee continued in 2nd mo last to labor with Nathan Rhodes made the following report (viz) To the Monthly Meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swansey 4th mo 24th 1820 We your Committee appointed in the 12th mo last to labor with Nathan Rhodes have attended to our appointment & had Several opportunities with him, and he doth not appear to us to be in a Suitable disposition to make Friends Satisfaction which we Submit to the meeting — Eber Slade Gideon Chace Azariah Shove

which being acceptable — and the following information approved of was Signed by the Clerk and Eber Slade is appointed to forward the same to the place directed

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at East Hoosuck Dear Friends your information to us of 9th mo last stating the misconduct of Nathan Rhodes a member of your meeting now residing within the limits of this & requesting our assistance in labouring with him was received by us in the 12th mo last & a committee at that time appointed on the subject which committee have at this time reported as follows

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with Joseph Chace made the following report (viz) Somerset 4th mo 24th 1820 To Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends now Siting We your committee in case of Joseph Chace have had several opportunities with him one of late by most of us in order to reclaim and restore him but did not git that Satisfactory Evedence in the Sencerity of his acknowledgement as we could wish all which we Submit to the meeting Oliver Chace Wm Slade
Benjamin Earl Edmond Chace } commi

which being accepted : he the Said Joseph Chace is therefore denied a right of membership with us untill he by a circumspect life manifest a Sincere return having the concurrence of the womens meeting therein & Eber Chace is appointed to inform him thereof also his right of appeal

The Committee continued in the 2nd mo last to labour with Samuel Shove informed that they have attended to their appointment yet they not ready to report they are again continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

Greentown Preparative meeting in their account informed that David Woodward appeared in that meeting & requested to be taken under the Care of friends whereupon Joseph Buffinton Benjamin Slade & Nathaniel Wheeler are appointed to take a Solid opportunity with him & endeavour to discover the Sincerity of his mind therein & report their Prospect at next meeting

This meeting was informed that William Lawton junr was gone to reside sometime within the verge of Farmington Monthly meeting state of Newyork he being a member of this meeting and of an orderly life & conversation the Clerk is Directed to furnish that meeting with a copy of this minute

Daniel Brayton returned to this meeting a copy of minute granted him in 2nd mo last together with the following (viz) Our Esteemed Friend Daniel Brayton attended this meeting in which his company & religious services have been acceptable to us Signed on behalf of and by direction of New Bedford Monthly meeting held 23d of 3d mo 1820 Abraham Shearman jr Clerk

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somer
=set 29th of 5th mo 1820 – The representatives named in
the Several accounts are for Swansey Jonathan Earl & Ed
=ond Chace for Freetown David Shove & Stephen Shove all
present
The Subject refer'd at last meeting in regard to Darias Buffin
Coming under consideration at this time & after weighty delibera
thereon and concurence of the womens therein, the following ackn
=owledgment is received for Satisfaction (Viz)

To the Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset for [illegible]
Swansey 24th of 4th moth 1820 Esteemed Friends.
Whereas I have deviated from the Established order of Society
in keeping company & proceeding in marriage with a woman not
a member, also nearer of kin than is allowable by Friends.
which practice I do not justify and desire ~~Friends~~ you to pass
by my offence and continue me under your Christian Care
Darius Buffinton

The London printed general Epistle for 1819 was received & read
at this time to our edification & comfort

The representatives appointed at last meeting to attend the Quarter
meeting reported that they all attended

Jonathan Chace returned to this meeting a copy of a minute grante
him in the 2nd moth last together with the following –
Our esteemed Friend Jonathan Chace attended this meeting in
which his company and religious Services have been accepta=
=ble to us Signed on behalf, and by direction of New Bed=
-ford Monthly meeting held 23d of 3d mo 1820
Abraham Shearman Jr Clerk

The committee continued at last meeting to labour with Nathan
Slade not being ready to report are again continued for
that Service & desired to report at next meeting

The committee continued at last meeting to labour with Samu
Shove not being ready to report are again continued for that Servi
& desired to report in the 7th moth next

The Committee appointed at last meeting in case of David Woodward's
request not being ready to report are again continued for that
Service & desired to report at next meeting

This meeting being informed that Luther Anthony had gone to resid within the verge of New Bedford Monthly meeting & requested our Certificate – whereupon Daniel Brayton & Gideon Chace are appointed to Draft one & present at next meeting if nothing appears to obstruct

Providence 3d of 5th mo 1820 Received from Swansey Monthly meeting by the hand of Benjamin Slade thirty one Dollars their proportion of Quarterly meeting Stock ordered in 8th mo 1819
$31 David Anthony Q M T

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 26th of 6th mo 1820 The representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swansey John Buffinton jur & Palmer Chace for Freetown Luther Lincoln & John Bouyce all Present

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with Nathan Slade not being ready to report are again continued to labor with him and desired to report at next meeting

The Committee continued at last meeting in case of David Woodwards request not being ready to report are again continued for that Service & requested to report at next meeting

The Committee appointed at last meeting to prepare a certificate on behalf of Luther Anthony presented one which being read was approved of & Signed by the Clerk & Daniel Brayton is appointed to forward the Same to the place directed

The Subject of appointing a meeting for religious worship at James Maxwells in the Town of Warren being opened in this meeting by his request after weighty consideration thereon & concurrence of the womens meeting therein, a meeting is appointed to be held there the 1st & 3d first days for two months at the 11th hour under the Care of Reuben Chace Benjamin Buffinton James Maxwell & William Slade they then desired to report

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 31st of 7th mo 1820 The representatives named in the Several accts for Swansey Wm Slade & Edmond Chace for Freetown Theophilu Shove & Azariah Shove all present

The Queries were read in this meeting & Succeeded by answers from the Several Preparative meetings to the 1st 2nd & 10th from which we have agreed on a Sumary as the state thereof and is directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting to be held at Portsmouth by our representatives who are Edmond Chace —

Daniel Buffinton & David Shove & the Clerk is requested to furnish them with a Copy of this minute together with the answer

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with Natha Slade not being ready to report in full are again continued & desired to report at next meeting

The Committee continued at last meeting in case of David Woodwo request informed that they had attended to their appointment tho not ready to make a full report they are again continued & desired to report in 9th month next

The Committee continued in 5th moth last to labour with Samu Shove not being ready to make a full report are again continued to labor with him & requested to report at next meeting

The Committee who have the Care of the meeting held at Taunton made the following report (Viz) we your committee in care of the meeting held at Taunton have some of us attended all the meeting held there except one since last report to pretty good satisfaction & think well of a meeting being continued there under the care of a committee which we submit to the meeting David Earle
on behalf of the committee — — — Hannah Earle
29th 7th moth 1820

which is accepted and two meetings is agreed to be held there the ensuing month, on the 2nd & 3d first Days under the Care of the former Committee they desired to report at next meeting

Received the following Extracts from our last yearly meeting & Boarding School Committee (Viz) At the yearly meeting held on Rhode Island for New England from the 11th to 14th of 6th mo inclusive 1820 — The following report of the School committee being read was accepted & the Clerk directed to forward copys thereof to our several Quarterly & Monthly meetings ~~[illegible]~~
Extracted from the minutes of said meeting
Abraham Shearman Jr. Clerk

The Boarding School Committee report that since their appointment by the yearly meeting in the sixth month last they have given such attention to the concerns of the institution as its circumstances seemed to require

The School is continued under the care of Matthew & Betsy Purinton as Superintendents & Thomas Howland Stephen A Chace & Abigail Pierce as instructors, the average number of Children at the institution for the year past has been about seventy - Meetings for worship have been continued we trust with usefulness, the concerns of the family & School have been satisfactorily conducted by the Superintendents & teachers, and the improvement made by the Children has generally been such as to afford encouragement to the Committee

By the accounts of the Superintendent it appears that the expence of the family have been defrayed by the receipts for board & tuition but there still remains due to the Building Committee including expence of furniture the sum of one thousand & Eighty four dollars & Eighty six cents

The School fund has been so arranged that the Sum of Six hundred dollars per annum will be appropriated to the Schooling of poor Children of the Society agreeably to the original intention of the Donors. - A further Sum is also at the disposal of the Committee arising from Subscription in the year 1816; creating a fund of which ten Children have already had the benefit at the institution & which including the above Sum of Six hundred dollars will enable the Committee to admit free of expence one Child from each Monthly meeting during six months of the ensuing year

Signed on behalf of the Committee by Samuel Rodman
Dorcas Brown

Providence 5th mo 5th 1820

Extract from the minutes of the yearly meeting Boarding School Committee, at a meeting held at Newport 15th of 6th mo 1820

The Committee upon reviewing the minute of 12th mo 2nd 1818 whereby the price of board tuition &c was fixed at one hundred dollars per annum & encouragment given that the price would be proportionably lessen'd ~~when~~ when the situation of the institution would admit - Now consider that the School may be rendered more beneficial to Society by a reduction of price & with this It is concluded to fix it at twenty dollars per quarter for the Children and connections of friends of our yearly meeting to take effect at the begining of next month that Children not belonging to our yearly meeting are still to pay at the former rate of $25 per quarter Each quarter to be paid in advance Samuel Rodman Clerk

The Clerk of the School Committee being informed that th following minute has not been received by all our Monthly meetings avail himself of this opportunity which now presents of forwarding it with the Preceeding

Extract from the minutes of the yearly Meeting Boarding School Committee — Providence 3^d of 2^nd month 1819

It has appeared necessary from experience derived since the opening o the Institution that more general circumspection should be extende in sending Children to the School conformable to the recommendation in the printed circular of the 12^th mo^th last, and to preserve the order necessary to carry the object of the yearly meeting into more comple effect it is recommended that each Monthly meeting appoint a few Sui-table friends to whom application may be made by Parents or Guardia of Children who are desirous of placeing them at the School that the friend so appointed consider it their duty not only to enjoin that the Children com in a plain dress and in the use of the plain Scripture Language but that they are of good habits and that they give a few lines to that import for the information of the Superintendents and instructors at the School

Samuel Rodman Clerk

Whereupon W^m Slade Theophilus Shove Reuben Chace & Edmond Chace are appointed to make the necessary inspection in reguard to such children or Child within the limits of this Mo-y meeting whose Parents or guar-dian shall propose sending them to the yearly meeting Boarding School agreable to the recommendation from the committee haveing the care of s^d School likewise shall have the Charge & care of proposeing to this meet-ing such Child as they thing the most proper one to go to said School as a Charitibl

Part of the Committee who have the care of the meeting held at Troy Fall rive reported verbally that [illegible] since their last report have been satisfactory

This meeting being informed that Nathan Dennis has returned to live within the verge of Rhodeisland Monthly meeting David Earl & David Shove is appointed to make the necessary inquiery respecting his standing among us, & prepare such Certificate for him as they think necessary & present to next meeting

our Esteemed friend Jonathan Chace opened in this meeting a prospect that he had on his mind of visiting his friend & relation within the limit of Salem Monthly meeting also of appointing some meetings & visiting some families. he being a Minister in unity with us & this meeting ~~and~~ uniteing with him in his prospect the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held Somerset 28^th of 8 mo^th 1820 The Representatives named in the Several acc^ts are for Swansey Benjamin Slade & Benjamin Buffinton for Freeto John Boyce & Theophilus Shove all present

The Representatives appointed at last meeting to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended & presented the following

It is concluded to raise for the service of the ensueing year three hundred Dollars — Swansey Monthly meeting propotion is thirty one Dollars — on behalf of Rhode Island Quarterly meeting held at Portsmouth 3d of 8th mo th 1820 Arnold Congdon Clerk

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with Nathan Slade made the following report (Viz) To the Monthly meeting now Seting we the committee in case of Nathan Slade have to inform that we have had several oppertunities with him on the Subject of the representation from the overseers and he doth not appear disposed to make any Satisfaction to the meeting by way of acknowledgment

Somerset 8th mo th 28th 1820

Gideon Chace
Reuben Chace
Oliver Chace

which being accepted & after weighty deliberation thereon & having the concurrence of the womens meeting therein he the sd Nathan Slade is hereby denied a right of membership with us untill by a circumspect life he manifest a sincere return & David Earl is appointed to inform him thereof

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with Samuel Chace informed that they have attended to their appointment & had an oppertuning with him of late to a degree of satisfaction they are again continued for the same service & desired to report at next meeting

The Committee having the care of Taunton meeting made the following report (viz) we of the Committee in Care of in care of the meeting held at Taunton have some of us attended both meetings held there since last month which have been to satisfaction, The subject of a meetings being held there in future we submit to the meeting

27th of 8th mo th 1820 } James Maxwell David Earl Gideon Chace
Moses Buffinton Joseph Buffinton Charity Buffinton
Mary Buffinton Hannah Earl 2d Elizabeth Earl

Which is accepted & the subject of a meeting being continued there Claiming the weighty consideration & Deliberation of this meeting after which a meeting is agreed to held there as last month under the care of the Same committee they desired to report at next meeting there prospect of the further ~~consideration~~ continuation thereof

The Committee appointed at last meeting to prepare a certificate for Nathan Dennis presented one which was approved of & signed by the Clerk. & Eber Slade is appointed to forward the same to the place directed

The Committee haveing the Care of the meeting held at Warren reported that they had attended to their appointment & that said meeting had been kept up to a degree of Satisfaction

and that it was the request of James Maxwell that the meeting
be still continued at his house for two months more which after
deliberation thereon & haveing the concurrance of the womens meeting
therein a meeting is agreed to be held there as heretofore for 2 months under
the care of the same committee they desired to report in the
10th mo next

The overseers presented the following information (Viz) To the Monthly
meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swansey 28th of 8th mo
1820 Dear Friends James Buffinton 2nd has deviated from our well
known principles & Testimony by keeping company & Proceeding in
marriage with one not a member of our Society also has bought a
a negro woman & holds her as a Slave likewise has attended to
done militatory duty & not kept other wise in the simplicity of plain
ness Moses Buffinton Elisha Earl Edmond Chace overseers

Whereupon Palmer Chace Weston Chace & Wm Slade are appointed
to take an opportunity with him & endeavour to convince & reclaim
him from the error of his conduct & report the state of his mind
at next meeting

This meeting was informed that Nathan Buffinton with his wife &
family has gone to reside within the verge of Providence Monthly
meeting & requested our certificate whereupon Clerk Shove & Reuben
Chace are appointed to draft one & present to next meeting if
nothing appears to obstruct

This meeting was informed that Nathan Slade a minor has gone
to reside as an apprentice within the verge of Westport Monthly meeting he
being a member of this meeting of an orderly life and Conversation the
Clerk is directed to furnish that meeting with a copy of this minute

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 25th of 9th mo
1820 The representatives named in the several acts are for Swansey
Robinson Buffinton & Weston Earl for Freetown Abraham Chace
& Mariah Chace all present

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with Samuel Sho
not being ready to report are again continued to labor with him & desired to
report at next meeting

The Committee who have the care of the meeting held at Taunton made
the following report (Viz)

which is accepted and the meeting continues them accordingly as last month under the care of the former committee they then desired to report

The Committee appointed at last meeting to labor with James Buffinton made the following report (viz) To the Monthly meeting now sitting we your Committee in case of James Buffinton have attended to our appointment and some of us had several opportunities with him and he does not appear to us in a disposition to condemn his conduct — Somerset 20th of 9th mo 1799

Wm Slade Robert Gibbs Weston Chace

which is accepted and he the said James Buffinton is with the concurrence of the womens meeting denied a right of membership with us until he by a Circumspect life manifest a sincere return & Moses Buffinton is appointed to inform him thereof — and the Consideration of a publick Testimony against him is refered to next meeting

The committee appointed at last meeting to prepare a Certificate for Nathan Buffinton & family Presented one which being read was approved of & signed by the Clerk and Obadiah Chace is appointed to forward the same to the place directed

Swanzey Preparative meeting in their account informs that Wm Lawton Jr was about to move with his family within the verge of Norwich Monthly meeting District of London in upper Canada and a Certificate for that purpose being presented to this meeting which being read was approved of & signed by the Clerk & Wm Slade & Gideon Chace are appointed to keep the Charge thereof to deliver to him if he accomplishes in settling his outward affairs to the satisfaction of said Committee who are desired to make report thereof at next meeting

~~The overseers presented to this meeting the following information viz whereupon David Earl & Nathan Chace are appointed to labor with him and endeavour to convince & reclaim him from the error of his conduct & report the state of his mind at next meeting~~

David Earl reported that he had informed Nathan Slade the proceedings of this meeting against him

The overseers presented to this meeting the following information (viz) To the Monthly meeting now sitting David Chace has so disregarded the good order of our Society as to keep Company and proceed in marriage with one that is not a member also has not wholely kept to the simplicity of plainness for which misconduct there has been some labor bestowed 25th of 9th mo 1799

Oliver Earl Edmund Chace Joseph Buffinton

Whereupon David Earl & Nathan Chace are appointed to labor with him and endeavour to convince & reclaim him from the error of his conduct & report the state of his mind at next meeting

The Committee continued in 6th mo last respecting David Woodward's request not being ready to make a full report & are again continued for that Service & desired to report in 11th mo next

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 30th of
10th moth 1820 the representatives named in the Several accounts are for
Swanzy Palmer Chace & Edmond Chace for Freetown Enoch B Chace
& Jervice Shove all present

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th
from which general answers were agreed on as the State thereof &
directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting to
be held at this place by our representatives who are Gideon
Chace & William Slade & the Clerk is desired to furnish them
with a Copy of this minute

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with Samuel Shove
not being ready to report are again continued for that Service &
desired to report in 11th moth next

The Committee having the care of the meeting held at Fall
River made the following report (viz) To Swanzy Monthly meeting
of Friends to be held at Somerset 30 of 10th moth 1820 we of the committee
haveing the Care of the meeting at Fallriver have one or more
of us attended all the meetings there which we thing have been
kept up to a good degree of Satisfaction

Eber Slade
Mary Buffinton

The Committee having the care of the meeting held at Taunton
reported that nothing had appeard to them but that sd meeting
had ben reputabley attended & that they thought well of a
meeting being continued there which after weighty consideration
thereon the meeting is agreed to be held there as heretofore for
three months and Gideon Chace William Slade Oliver Earl
David Shove Moses Buffinton & Stephen Chace are appointed
to have the Charge thereof & report in the 5th moth next or
Sooner if in their judgment necessary their prospect of its longer
continuation

The Committee having the care of the meeting at Warren reported
that Some of them had attended all the meetings there &
to a good degree of Satisfaction & James Maxwell requesting that
the meeting be still continued at his house the Same is accordingly
continued there for two months as heretofore under the care of
the Same committee they desired to report in the 12th moth next

The Committee appointed at last meeting to labor with David Chace
informed that they have attended to their appointment tho not ready

to report they are therefore continued for that service & report in 12 moth next

The Friends appointed at last meeting to have the Charge of William Lawtons ppd Certificate reported that he settled his outward affairs to their Satisfaction & that they delivered him the Certificate accordingly

The Friend appointed at last meeting to inform James Buffinton of his denial &c informed that he had answered his appointment

The Subject respecting the publication of a Testimony of denial against James Buffinton referred at last meeting coming under consideration at this time Reuben Chace James Maxwell & Daniel Brayton are appointed to take the Subject under their consideration and report at next meeting their prospect & if they judge it to be for the Honour of truth that the same be made publick they are desired to draw a Testimony & present at that time

Moses Buffinton & Abner Slade are appointed to make the necessary provision for the Quarterly meeting next to be held at this place & present their acct of the expence at a future meeting

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At Swanzey Monthly meeting held at Somerset 27th of 11th mth 1820

The representatives named in the several accts are for Swanzey Weston Earl & Gideon Chace for Freetown David Shove & John Boyce all present except David Shove

The representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended and presented the London printed general Epistle for 1820 which was read to our edification & Comfort

The Committee appointed at last meeting to consider of the usefulness of a publick Testimony being given forth against James Buffinton 2d reported that having maturely considered the Subject were unanimously in judgment that truth would not gain anything by publishing the same which this meeting accepts and the Subject is therefore dismissed

One of the Committee continued in 9th mth last in case of David Woodwards request informed that they were not ready to report they are therefore continued to have the charge thereof & report at next meeting

The Overseers presented the following information (to wit) to the Monthly meeting now Seting — Barzillai Buffinton has so disregarded the good order of our Society as to keep company & proceed in marriage with one that is not a member thereof for which misconduct some care hath been taken

11th mo 27th 1820

Oliver Earl } overseers
Edmond Chace }

which is accepted & William Slade Eber Slade & Theophilus Shove
2nd are appointed to take an opportunity with him & endeavour to
convince & reclaim him of the error of his conduct & report the
State of his mind at next meeting

The Overseers presented the following information (viz) To the Monthly
meeting now sitting — Jeremiah Chace has so far disregarded the good order
of our Society as to keep Company and proceed in marriage with
one that is not a member thereof also has not kept to the Simplicity
of plainness

Swansey 27th 11th mo 1820 Oliver Earl Edmond Chace overseers

which this meeting accepts & Clark Shove & Eber Chace are appointed
to take an opportunity with him & endeavour to convince & reclaim him
of the error of his conduct & report the state of his mind at next meeting

Our Committee informed this meeting that they propose sending
Simpson Robinson to the yearly meeting boarding school for
one quarter towards the six months schooling which we are entitled
to from that institution which being approved of they are desired
to forward him for that purpose & the Clerk is directed to furnish
them with a Copy of this minute

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held Somerset 25th
of 12th mo 1820 The representatives called in the several me
are for Swansey Jonathan Earl & Daniel Buffinton for Tiver-
ton Theophilus Shove & Stephen Shove all present

The Committee appointed at last meeting to labour with
Barzillai Buffinton informed that they have attended to their
appointment & had an opportunity with him to some degree of
satisfaction & that it was his request for friends to wait on him
which sd Committee thought well of they are therefore conti-
nued to labor with him & report in 2d mo next

The Committee having the Care of the meeting held at [illegible]
Warren reported that the same had been kept up to a good degree
of satisfaction & James Maxwell requesting that said meeting be the
continued at his house which after consideration thereon is united
with, & to be held there as heretofore for two months under the care
of the former committee with the addition of Joseph Buffinton they
desired to report in 2nd mo next

The committee appointed in 11th mo last to make provision for the
Quarterly meeting reported that they had attended to their appointment
& the expence thereof is eight Dollars which this meeting allows
& our Treasurer directed to pay and Draw on the Quarterly meet-
ings Treasurer for that amount & the Clerk is desired to furnish
him with a Copy of this minute

The Committee continued at last meeting in case of David Woodward's request informed that they have attended to their appointment but not ready to report they are therefore again continued to have the charge thereof and desired to report at next meeting

The Committee continued in 10th mo last to labour with David Chace not being ready to report are again continued for that Service & desired to report in 2nd mo next

The Committee continued in 10th mo last to labor with Samuel Shove informed that they have attended to their appointment & that he requests friends to wait longer with him, they are therefore continued for the same Service & desired to report at next in the 2nd mo next

The committee appointed at last meeting to labor with Isaac B Chace not being ready to report they are again continued for that Service & report in 2nd month next

21 At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 29th of 1st mo 1821 the representatives named in the Several act. are for Swansey Oliver Earl & Stephen Buffinton for Freetown David Shove & Abraham Chace all present

The Queries with answers to the 1st, 2nd & 10th from the Several Preparative meetings were read in this from which general answers were agreed on as the State of our meeting & are directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting to be held at Providence, by our representatives who are William Slade & Edmund Chace & the Clerk directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute.

The women's meeting informed that they had approved of the publick appearances in the Ministry of Mary Buffinton which after weighty deliberation thereon is united with by this meeting and & directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly meeting

The Committee appointed in the 10th mo last to have the Care of the meeting held at Taunton made the following report (viz) We your Committee having the Care of the meeting held at Taunton have some of us attended all the meetings since the last report except one, which was attended by Several of the members residing there to a good degree of Satisfaction as was expressed by them & we think well of a meeting being continued there as heretofore for three months to come under the care of a committee all which we Submit to the meeting

29th 1st mo 1821 on behalf of the Committee William Slade
Mary Buffinton

which this meeting accepts & the meeting granted to be held there agreeable to the report under the care of the former committee they desired to report in the 4th month next or Sooner if in their judgment necessary

The Committee having the care of the meeting at Fall river in Troy made the following report (viz.) To the Monthly meeting of Friends now sitting Dear Friends — we your Committee having the care of the meeting at Fall river have several of us attended all the meetings there & believe they have been kept up to a good degree of Satisfaction 1st moth 29th 1821

Eber Chace } in behalf of
Mary Buffinton } Committee

The committee continued at last meeting in case of Isaac Wilbour's request reported that they have had several opportunities with him yet think not best that he be received at present they are therefore continued to have the charge thereof & report their prospect in the 5th moth next

The Overseers presented the following information (viz.) to the Monthly meeting of Friends held the 29th of 3d moth 1821 Dear Friends Francis Chace hath deviated from the well known principle of friends so as to be in the practice of taking too freely of spirituous liquors also hath almost wholly neglected the attendance of meeting for which he hath from time to time been labored with.

Moses Buffinton Oliver Earl overseers

which this meeting accepts, & Eber Slade Reuben Chace James [illegible] are appointed to labor with him & endeavour to convince & reclaim him from the error of his conduct & report the state of his mind at next meeting

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 26th of 4th moth 1821 the representatives named in the several accounts are for Swansey Stephen Buffinton & Benjamin Earl for Troy Stephen Chace & Nathaniel Chace all present

The Committee appointed at last meeting to labor with Francis Chace informed that they had attended to their appointment & had an opportunity with him to a good degree of Satisfaction and think best that the subject be continued for two months they are therefore continued to have the charge thereof & report in 6th moth next

The Committee continued in 12th mo last to labor with Barnabas Buffinton informed that they have attended to their appointment yet not ready to make a full report they are therefore continued to have the charge thereof & report in 6th moth next

The Committee having the care of the meeting held at [illegible] reported that the same has all been [illegible] satisfactorily attended & James Maxwell requesting that the meeting still be continued there which after deliberation concurred with & is agreed to be held there for two months as heretofore under the Care of the former Committee they desired to report in the 4th mo next or sooner if in their judgment necessary

The Committee continued in 12th mo the last to labor with David Chace informs that they have attended to their appointment tho not ready to make a full report they are therefore continued to have the Charge thereof & report at next meeting

The Committee continued in 12th mo the last to labor with Samuel Shove not being ready to make a full report are again continued to labor with him & report at next meeting

The Committee continued in 12th mo last to labor with Isaac B Chace not being ready to report are again continued to labor with him & report at next meeting

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 26th of 3rd moth 1821 The representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey David Earl & Simpson Buffinton for Freetown Enoch Boyce & David Shove all present

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with David Chace not being ready to report are again continued for that service & desired to report at next meeting

The committee continued at last meeting to labor with Samuel Shove made the following report (viz) We the Committee in the Case of Samuel Shove have attended to our appointment and had Several opportunities with him in order to Convince & reclaim him of the inconsistency of his Standing as set forth in the information from the Overseers &c, and he doth not appear to us in a Suitable disposition to make friends Satisfaction
26th 3d moth 1821 Weston Earl David Earl Gideon Chace
Which being accepted the decision thereof is refered to next meeting

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with Isaac B Chace informed that they have had an opportunity with him & that he appears sensible of his misconduct & desirous of makeing friends Satisfaction they are therefore continued to labor with him & desired to report in 5th moth next

This meeting being informed that Benjamin W Chace has removed with his family to reside within the verge of

New Bedford Monthly meeting requesting our Certificate whereupon Joseph Buffinton & Benjamin Earl are appointed to make the necessary inquiry & if nothing appears to obstruct prepare one on their behalf and present to next meeting

This meeting agrees to raise one hundred dollars to supply our treasury whereupon a Subscription was begun for that purpose & left in the ca of Gideon Chase Stephen Chace Eber Slade David Shove & Luther Lincoln who are desired to Collect the remainder & report at next meeting their progress therein

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held Somerset 30th of 4th mo 1821 The representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swansey Samuel B Chace Jonathan Earl for Freetown Stephen Shove & Azariah Shove all present

The Queries with answers from the Several preparativ meetings were read from which a Summary was agreed on as the State of this meeting & forwarded to our nex Quarterly meeting to be held at Greenwich by our representatives who are Daniel Brayton & Samuel B Chace & the Clerk is desired to furnish them with a copy of this minute

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with David Chace made the following report (Viz) to Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends 30th 4th mo 1821 we your Committee had Several opportunities with David Chace and he appears to be ~~Sensible~~ Sincere in his condemning his misconduct Nathan Ch David Earl which being accepted ~~& the~~ [illegible] and a paper of acknowledgement from him being presented & read which after weighty deliberation thereon & concurrence of the womens meeting is receiv ed for Satisfaction

The Committee continued in 2nd mo last to labor with Barzillai Buffinton not being ready to report are again continued for that Service & desired to report at next meetin

The Committee appointed at last meeting to draft a Removal Certificate in behalf of Benjamin W Chace & family present one which being approved of was Signd by the Clerks & Daniel Brayton is appointed to forward the Same to the place Directed

~~[illegible]~~

The Subject respecting Samuel Shove refered at last meeting coming under the Consideration of this & nothing appearing favourable on his behalf after weighty deliberation & concurrence of the women meeting he the sd Samuell Shove is hereby denied a right of member ship with us untill he manifest a sincere return & Benjamin Buffinton is appointed to inform him thereof

The committee continued in 2nd mo last to labor with Frances Chace not being ready to report are again continued to labor with him & desired to report in 6th moth next

The Committee having the care of the meeting held at Warren report that they hav all been satisfactorily attened and that it was the request of James Maxwell that the same be continued at his house which being united with is still continued as heretofore for two months under the Care of the Same Committee they desired to report in 6th moth next or Sooner if in their Judgment necessary

The Committee having the Care of the meeting held at Taunton made the following report (Viz) we your Committee in care of the meeting held at Taunton have Some of us attended Several of the meetings since last ~~month~~ report to pretty good Satisfaction except one which we think the unseasonable breaking was a hurt to Some tender minds but notwithstanding we thing it may be Safe to grant a meeting to be held there for three months as heretofore

Gideon Chace
Signd on behalf of the committee
Hannah Earl 2nd
29th of 4th moth 1821

Which being accepted a meeting is agreed to be held there agreeable to sd report under the care of the Same Committee they desired to report in 7th moth next or Sooner if in their judgment necessary

The Committee having the care of the meeting at Fallriver made the following report (Viz) To the monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Sommerset 4th mo 30 1821

Dear Friends we your committee having the care of the meeting at Fallriver have one or more of us attended all the meeting there & nothing hath appeard but that they have been reputable kept up

Eber Slade Unice Brayton
on behalf of the committee

which being accepted Edmond Chace Eber Slade Oliver Ear
& Joseph Buffinton are appointed to have the charge of sd meetin
who are desired to report Quarterly

The committee haveing the Charge of a Subscirption to raise one hundred Dollars as agreed on last month haveing made some progress tho not compleated the same are Continued to have the Charge thereof & report at next meeting

— At Swanzey Monthly meeting of friends held at Somerset 28th of 5th mo 1824 the representatives named in the several accts are for Swanzey Edmond Chace & Palmer Chace for Freetown John Brayse & Jervice Shove all present

The representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with Barzillai Buffinton not being read to report are again continued for that service and desired to report at next meeting

The friend appointed to forward the Certificate for Benjamin Chace and family informs he has forwarde the same — The Committee continued 1st month last in case of David Woodwards request report that nothing more favorable in behalf of his request has presented sd Committee are therefore continued still to have the charge thereof & to repor at next meeting —

The Committee continued in 3d month last to labor with Isaac B. Chace not being ready to report are agai continued to labor with him and report in the 7th mon next — The friend appointed at last meeting to inform Samuel Shove of the proceedings of this meeting against him reports that he has informed him thereof — The Committee in charge of the m at Fall River ~~which~~ presented the following information, which this meeting accepts on conditions that the friends holding said Deed do give the monthly mtg or to such Trustees as said meeting may order or appoint such Deed as the nature of the case doth require; and the Committee having the charge of said meeting at Fall River are requested to endeavor to collect by free subscription a sufficiency to defray the expence thereof as recommended by them. —

To Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset 5th mo 28th 1821 / Dear Friends, we of the Committee having the Care of the meeting at Fallriver, have for sometime thought that a meeting house at or near that village would be wanting — and a favorable oppertunity presenting of purchasing a lot containing Ninety rods on good terms & in our opinion a very commodious spot — have taken a deed of the same in the names of Daniel Buffinton Edmond Chace & Eber Slade — To be appropriated to the use & for the benefit of Swansey Monthly meeting if sd meeting sees fit to purchase sd lot the cost there of is 180 dollars after deducting 45 dollars which the Person from whom sd lot was purchased was willing to give as a donation to Friends, the expence of deed &c $1:25 cts total amount $181:25 cts which we advise to be paid by free Subscription all which we submit to your disposal
on behalf of the Committee / Eber Slade Edmond Chace

The Committee continued at last meeting to have the Charge a Subscription to raise 100 dollars not having compleated the same are again continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 25th of 6th mo 1821 The representatives named in the several accts are for Swansey Clark Shove & Samuel B Chace for Freetown Stephen Shove & Azariah Shove all present

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with Barzillai Buffinton not being ready to report are again continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

The Committee in Case of David Woodwards request not being ready to report at this time are still continued to have the care thereof, & desired to report next mtg

The Committee continued 4th month last to labor with
Francis Chace inform that they have paid some attentio
thereto yet not ready to make report, they are continued an
desired to report ~~next in~~ 8th month next —

The Committee in care of the meeting at Warren repor
that they have been satisfactorily kept and James Max
-well requesting that said meeting may be continued as
heretofore, his request after weighty deliberation is acced
to, and the same is to be held there four months under th
care of the same committee, they being desired to repor
in tenth month next or sooner if in their judgement
nescesary. —

The time for which the Overseers were appointed
being expired the same friends are reappointed to that
service for the ensuing year. —

The time for which the Overseers of the Poor being als
expired, whereupon James Maxwell, David Shove, Danie
Buffinton, Moses Buffinton and Theophilus Shove are
reapointed and William Slade appointed to that service
for the year ensuing —

The Committee continued last month to have charge
of the subscription to raise an hundred Dollars, not havin
completed the same are continued to have care thereof
& report at next monthly meeting

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held
Somerset 30th of 7th mo 1821 The representative
named in the Several accounts are for Swansey Olive
Earl & William Slade for Freetown David Shove and
Abraham Chace all preset

The Queries with answers from the Several prepa
tive meetings to the 1st 2nd & 10th were read in this from
which a Summary was agreed on comprising the State of the meeti
& directed to be forwarded to the next Quarterly meeting to be held
at Portsmouth on Rhodeisland by our representatives who are
Eber Slade Edmond Chace & Robinson Buffinton

and the Clerk is desired to furnish them with a Copy of this minute

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with Barzillai Buffinton made the following report (viz) To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held 7th mo 30th 1821 — Dear Friends We of the committee appointed to labor with Barzillai Buffinton have attended to our appointment & had several oppertunities with him and he doth not appear to us to be in a suitable disposition to make friends Satisfaction which we submit to the meeting

William Slade Eber Slade

which this meeting accepts & the further decision of the Subject is referd to next meeting

The Committee having the care of the meeting at Fall River made the following report (viz) We your Committee having the care of the meeting at Fallriver have one or more of us attended all the meetings there ~~except in the time of the yearly meeting~~ they have all been kept up & we believe to a degree of Satisfaction

To the Monthly meeting now siting
7th mo 29 — 1821
) on behalf of Sd)
Committee by)
Eber Slade
Edmund Chace

The Committee having the care of the meeting held at Taunton made the following report (viz) We of your Committee in Case of the meeting held at Taunton have some of us attended all the meetings there since our last report except one most of them to pretty good satisfaction and we think well of a meeting being continued there for three months as heretofore

Signed on behalf of the Committee by Oliver Earl
Hannah Earl 2d

Swanzey 7th moth 27th 1821

which is accepted & a meeting granted to be held there for three months agreeable to Sd report under the Care of the Same committee they desired to report in 10th mo next

The Committee having the care of David Woodwards request not being ready to report are again continued to have the Charge thereof and report at next meeting

The Committee continued in 5th mo last to labour with Isaac B Chace not being ready to report are again continued for that Service & desired to report in 9th mo next —

Our Treasurer is directed to pay the Quarterly meetings Treasurer 31 Dollars our proportion of Quarterly meeting stock as recommened in 8th mo last

The Committee haveing the care of a Subscription to raiz
100 dollars as agreed on in 3d moth last, reported the Same
to be Settled & that they had collected $3:18 ct over & above
sd Sum all which they are directed to pay our Treasurer

This meeting agrees to raise one hundred dollars
to Supply our Treasury & a Subscription being begun for that
purpose is left in the care of Daniel Buffinton Jur Samue
B Chace Abner Slade David Shove Luther Lincoln & Stephe
Chace they desired to report in the 9th moth next

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held Somerset
27th of 8th moth 1821 the representatives named in the Several
acts are for Swansey John Buffinton 2nd & David Earl for
Freetown John Boyce & Azariah Shove all present

The representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting
informed that they all attended

The Committee haveing the Charge of David Woodward request
reported that they judge their further Service will not be of
use whereupon the Subject is dismised & Gideon Chace is
appointed to inform thereof

The Subject respecting Barzillia Buffinton referd at last
meeting coming under consideration is by the request of Several
friends again referd and Reuben Chace gideon Chace & Eber Chace are ap
pointed to have the Charge thereof & report their prospect
at next meeting

The Committee continued ~~in~~ 6th moth last to labour with
Frances Chace not being ready to report are again conti
nued & desired to report at next meeting

Freetown Preparative meeting in their acct informed
that Philip Tripp proposed offering his intention of marriag
with Phila Shove at this meeting who accordingly appeard wit
her & declared their intention of takeing each other in marria
he produceing from Westport Monthly meeting the necessary
Certificate in that case

The Suject of building a meeting House near the village of Fal
River in the Town of Troy claiming the attention of this meet
ing whereupon Eber Slade David Earl Wm Slade Moses
Buffinton & Benjamin Slade are appointed to take the Su
ject under their consideration & report their prospect at
next meeting

Received from Swansey Monthly meeting thirty one dolla
being their proportion of Quarterly meeting stock ordered in 9th m
1820 2nd of 9th moth 1821

David Anthony Q M T

Received the following Extract (Tk)

At the yearly meeting of Friends held on Rhode Island for New England from the 10th to the 13th of the sixth month inclusive 1821 — The following report of the School Committee being read was accepted, & the Clerk directed to forward copies thereof to our Several Quarterly & Monthly meetings

Extracted from the minutes of Sd meeting Abraham Shearman jr Clk

To the yearly Meeting

The Boarding School Committee report, that the School is still continued under the Care of Matthew & Betsey Purinton as Superintendents and Thomas Howland Stephen A Chace & Abigail Peirce as instructors The number of Children at the Institution for the past year has averaged about seventy five for the whole year, meetings for worship have been continued as previously established, the family has been preserved in harmony and the concerns of the institution generally so conducted as to afford continued promise of usefulness

By the accounts of the Superintendants it appears that the expences of the family have been paid by the receipts for tuition & that the institution is now free from debt; Most of the monthly meetings have availed themselves of the privilege given last year of Sending one Child to the institution for the Space of Six months, and such as have not availed themselves of it (viz) Seabrook Sandwich N. H. Windham Sidney & Harlem are now considered at liberty to Send one Child twelve months provided they conclude so to do within six months from this date, and such monthly meetings as have availed themselves of the privilege have the liberty of Sending a child each six months of the ensueing year or if preferred by any Monthly meeting they may send two Children three months each

The Committee having noticed with concern that as respects plainness of dress their recommendations in minutes forwarded to the different Monthly meetings have not in divers instances been attended to think that usefulness may result from bringing their minute of 9th mo 1819 before the yearly meeting that it may again be forwarded to the Monthly meetings under its Sanction

Providence 5th mo 4th 1821 Signd on behalf of the Committee } Samuel Rodman
Dorcas Brown.

Extract from the minutes of the yearly meeting Boarding School Committee. Providence 3d of 9th mo 1819

It has appeard necessary from experience since the opening of the institution that more general Circumspection should be extended in sending Children to the School, conformable to the recommendation in the printed Circular of the 12th mo last and to preserve the order necessary to carry the object of the yearly meeting into more complete effect it is recommended that each monthly meeting appoint a few suitable friends to whom application may be made by parents or guardians of Children who are desirous of placing them at the School that the Friends so appointed consider it their duty, not only to enjoin that the Children come in a plain dress and in the use of the plain Scripture language but that they are of our habits, and that gives a few lines to that import for the information of the Superintendents [illegible] the school

Samuel Rodman Clerk

Whereupon our committee appointed for that purpose are requested to pay particular attention to the advices therein contained

— At Swansey Monthly meeting of friends held at Somerset 21st of 9th mo 1821 The representatives named in the foregoing account are for Swansey Holder Chace & Benjamin Chace for Freetown David Shove & [illegible] Shove all present

The subject respecting Hannah Buffinton referred at last meeting coming again under consideration & the friends appointed to have the charge thereof informed that they have extended some labour with a prospect of success & thought best for the subject to be continued another month which is accordingly under their care they desired to report at next meeting

The committee continued at last meeting to labor with Francis Chace informed that they have attended to their appointment & two of them had an opportunity with him of late & that he appears desirous to make friends satisfaction they are therefore continued to extend further labor with him & report the state of his mind at next meeting

— Nothing appearing to this meeting to hinder the proceeding in marriage of Philip Joseph & Ruth Shove David Shove & [illegible] Shove are appointed to see said marriage decently solemnized & marriage certificate recorded & report at next meeting

The friends having the charge of a subscription to raise one hundred Dollars as agreed on in 7th mo last informed ~~that they~~ made but little [illegible] progress they are therefore continued for that service & desired to report at next meeting

The committee appointed at last meeting to take into consideration the subject of building a meeting house in or near the village of Fall River made the following report (viz) to the Monthly meeting now sitting

Dear Friends we your Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of building a meeting house near the village of Fall River in Troy have attended to our appointment & in our judgment a house for the accommodation of friends there is wanting & we believe would be useful Benjamin Slade Daniel Earl
24th of 9th mo 1821 Wm. Slade Charles Slade Abraham Buffinton

Which this meeting accepts & the Clerk directed to forward a Copy thereof together with this minute to our next quarterly meeting for their approbation & disposal & the Committee still continued to have the charge thereof & extend the necessary aid to the Quarterly meetings committee should they see cause to appoint one

The Committee continued in 7th mo last to labor with Isaac B Chace not being ready to report are again continued & desired to report in the 11th month next

—At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 29th of 10th mo 1821 the representatives named in the several accounts are, for Swansey Nathan Chace & Abner Slade for Freetown Abraham Chace & Azariah Shove all present

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from the Several Preparative meetings were read in this from which general answers were agreed on as the state thereof & directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting to be held at this place by our representatives who are Reuben Chace Azariah Shove & James Maxwell & the Clerk directed to furnish them with Copy of this & other minutes necessary

The Committee continued at last meeting in case of Barzillai Buffinton made the following report (Viz) To Swansey Monthly meeting to be held 29th of 10th mo 1821 — we the Committee in the case of Barzillai Buffinton have attended to our appointment and had Several opportunities with him on the Subject have to inform that the matter that had placed him in a disposition of mind unfit to make friends Satisfaction is Settled & the objection removed therefore we think he may be at liberty to present an acknowledgment to the meeting) Reuben Chace
Gideon Chace
Eber Chace

Which is accepted and the following paper of acknowledgment being presented from him which after being read & considered upon in this meeting is received for Satisfaction

To the Monthly meeting to be held 29th of 10th mo 1821
Esteemed friends whereas I have deviated from the good order of Society in keeping company and proceeding in marriage with a woman not a member among friends which conduct I am far from justifying Therefore desire friends to pass by my offence and continue me under your Christian Care from your friend
Barzillai Buffinton

The Committee continued at last meeting to labour with Reuben Chace not being ready to report at this time are again continued to labour with him and desired to report in 12th mo next

The friends appointed at last meeting to attend the marriage of Philip Tripp & Phila Chace reported that they attended to their appointment & that good order was preserved in the Solemnization thereof & the Certificate handed to the recorder to be recorded

The committee having the care of the meeting held at Somerset made the following report (Viz)

Which is accepted and a meeting granted to be held there agreeable to their request for one month under the care of the same committee & report at next m

The Committee who have the care of the meeting held at Samuel Maxwells in Warren, reported that they had been satisfactorily attended and he requesting that a meeting be still continued there which after consideration on the subject a meeting is agreed to be held there for three months as heretofore under the care of the same committee they then desired to report

The Committee having the care of the meeting at Troy reported that they ~~meetings~~ had all been reputablely kept up

Oliver Earl & Abner Slade are appointed to make the necessary provisi for the Quarterly meeting next to be held at this place & present their account of the expense at a future meeting

The committee who have the care of a subscription to raise one 100 dollars as agreed on in 9th mo last not having completed the same are still continued & desired to report at next meeting

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 26th of 11th mo 1821 The representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey Eber Chace & Robinson Buffinton for Freetown Enoch Boyce & Joshua Shove all Present

The friends appointed at last meeting to attend the Quarterly meeting as representatives not being present at the time or any report from them they are desired to report at next meeting whether they duly attended to their appointment

The Corresponding Epistle for 1820 & the printed general Epistle for 1821 from the yearly meeting of Friends in Lond were both received & read at this time the many weighty advices therein contained were to our Satisfaction & Comfort

The Committee continued in the 9th mo last to labor with Isaac B Cha reported that they have attended to their appointment & that he appears in a degree sensible of his out going & desirious of makeing friends satisfacti they are again continued & desired to report at next meeting

Received from Rhode Island Monthly meeting a removal Certificate on behalf of Mary B Chace wife of Stephen B Chace together with her two Children namely Stephen Brayton Chace & James Chace which our register is directed to bee recorded

The Committee haveing the Charge of the meeting held at Taunton made the following report (Viz) we The committee in care of Taunton meeting ~~made~~ have Some of us attended all the meetings there since last month to Some good degree of Satisfaction & we beleive it may be safe for the continuance of a meeting there for one month on the 2nd & 3d first days under the Care of a Committee

Moses Buffinton
Mary Buffinton

which is accepted & a meeting granted to be held there agreeable to sd report under the Care of the Same committee they desired to report at next meeting their prospect of its further continuation

Received from Smithfield Monthly meeting a removeal Certificate on behalf of Daniel Robinson which is directed to be recorded

The Committee appointed at last meeting to make the necessary provision for the Quarterly meeting reported the expence to be nine Dollars & sixty Cents which the meeting allows & Benjamin Earl is appointed to draw on the Quarterly meetings Treasurer for that amt & pay the Same & the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute

The Committee haveing the charge of a Subscribtion to raise one 100 Dollars to Supply our Treasury as agreed on in 7th mo. last not having Compleated the Same are again continued & desired to report at next meeting

At Swansey Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Somerset 31st of 12th mo. 1821 The representatives named in the Several are for Swansey Moses Buffinton & Stephen Buffinton for Freetown David Shove & Stephen Shove all present

The representatives to our last Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended except one for whose nonattendance Satisfactory reason was given

The Committee continued at last meeting in case of Isaac B Chace made the following report (Viz) To Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends — We your Committee in case Isaac B Chace have paid attention to our appointment and he appears to us in a good degree Sensible of his out going & is desirious of makeing friends Satisfaction which we Submit to the meeting

12th mo. 31st 1821 Eber Chace Clark Shove

which is accepted — he also presented a paper acknowledging his misconduct, after deliberation thereon & concurrence of the womens meeting therein is received for Satisfaction & is as follows

To Swansey Monthly meeting to be held at Somerset 31st of 12th moth 1821 Respected friends I have so far disregarded friends rules as to keep company & joined in marriage with one not a member of our Society & also have deviated from our principles of plainness all of which practises I do condemn and desire friends to pass by offences and continue me under your watchful Care & oversight
from your friend Isaac B Chace

The time for which the Clerk & assistant were appointed having expired Daniel Brayton & Moses Buffinton are appointed to confer with Some Suitable friends for that Service & report their names at next meeting

The Committee haveing the care of Taunton meeting made the following report (viz)

which this meeting accepts & a meeting is granted to be held there agreeable to sd report under the care of the Same committee they desired to report at next meeting

The Committee continued in the 10th moth last to labor with Francis Chace reported that they have attended to their appointment & had several opportunities with him & that he is very desirous of makeing friends Satisfaction & that in their judgment he appears to be in Some degree Sincere therein which being accepted & after deliberation the Subject is refered to next meeting for disposal

Isaac B Chace haveing for Some time lived within the verge of Newbedford Monthly meeting & requests our Certificate whereupon Eber Slade & Robinson Buffinton are appointed to draft one if nothing appears to obstruct and present it to next meeting

William Lawton having for sometime lived within the verge of Farmington Monthly meeting State of New york. with a copy of a minute from this meeting whereupon Moses Buffinton Reuben Chace & James Maxwell are appointed to take the matter under consideration & if way opens to draft and present a removeal Certificate on his behalf at next meeting

The committee who had the Care of a subscription to raise 100 dollars to suply our Treasury as agreed on in 7th mo th last reported the Same to be compleated the amount of which they are directed to pay to our Treasurer

— At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 28th of 1st mo th mo th 1802 The representatives in the Several acct are for Swansey Stephen Chace & Moses Buffinton for Freetown Abraham Chace & Azariah Shove all present

The Committee appointed at last meeting to propose some suitable friends as Clerk & assistant informed that they have attended to their appointment altho not as yet been able to find any to accept, they are therefore continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting & Eber Slade is appointed Clerk for the day

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from the Several Preparative meetings were read in ~~in~~ this from which general answers were agreed on as the present State of this meeting & are forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting to be held at Providence by our representatives who are Eber Slade Gideon Chace & David Shove & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute

The Committee having the care of Taunton meeting made the following report (Viz) which this meeting accepts & a meeting continued there for three months as heretofore under the Care of the Same committe they desired to report in 4th moth next or sooner if in their judgment necessary

The Subject refered at last meeting in case of Frances Chace coming under consideration is after deliberation thereon again refers to next meeting

The Committee appointed at last meeting to draft a removal Certificate on behalf of Isaac B. Chace presented one which being approved of was signd by the Clerk. Eber Slade is appointed to forward the same to the place directed & report at next meeting & a copy thereof to be kept on file for recording

The Committee having the care of the meeting at Fall River made the following report (Viz) We your Committee having the Charge of the meeting at Fall River have one or more of us attended all the meetings there & believe they have been kept up to a good degree of Satisfaction

Eber Slade } on behalf of
Eunice Brayton } the committee

1st mo 28 1822

The committee appointed at last meeting to consider the expediency of giving William Lawton a removal Certificate reported that they have attended to their appointment but no way opening to draft one they are therefore dismissed from further Service

The Committee having the Care of the meeting held at in Warren at James Maxwell, reported that Sd meetings had been kept up to a good degree of Satisfaction

Our Esteemed Friend Daniel Brayton opened in this meeting a prospect which attended his mind of makeing a religious visit to Friends within the verge of Sandwich Quarterly meeting which meeting our approbation he is at liberty to pursue his prospect as truth may direct he being a minister in unity with us the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Our Esteemed friend Benjamin Buffinton opened in this meeting a concern that had for some considerable time rested on his mind to to make a religious visit to friends within the verge of Sandwich Quarterly meeting which meeting our approbation he is at liberty to pursue his prospect as truth may direct he being a Minister in unity with us the Clerk is desired to furnish him with a copy of this minute

This meeting audit made the following report (Viz.) To Swansey Monthly meeting to be held 25th of 2nd mo 1822 we your ~~committee~~ audit have settled the overseers & Treasurers account up to date & find a ballance due the Treasurer of Eleven dollars & fifty two cents also due the overseers Seven dollars & eighty cents — all Subscribtions for sums herefore agreed by the meeting to be raisd considerd settled & paid into the Treasury — — — Gideon Chace Jonathan Earl audit

which this meeting accepts & agrees to raise three hundred Dollars to supply our Treasury and a Subsciption begun for that purpose & left in care of Abner Slade Azariah Shove Luther Lincoln Stephen Buffinton Robinson Buffinton & Benjamin Earl who are desired to endeavour to collect the whole amount & pay the same to the Treasurer and report at next meeting

— At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 25th of 2nd mo 1822 The representatives named in the several accts are for Swansey William Slade & Benjamin Earl for Freetown David Shove & John Grouce all present except William Slade

The Committee continued at last meeting to propose some suitable friends as Clerks report Joseph Buffinton for Clerk & Eber Slade assistant which being approved of they accordingly appointed to that Service for the year ensuing or untill others are appointed in their stead

The representatives appointed at last meeting to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended

The subject referd at last meeting in case of Frances Chace coming under consideration is again referd to next meeting for disposal

The friend appointed at last meeting to forward to New bedford Monthly meeting a certificate on behalf of Isaac B Chace inform that he had forwarded the same.

Freetown Preparative meeting in their acct informs this that Edmond Anthony had so far deviated from the established order of Friends as to keep company and proceed in marrige with one not a member of our Society. whereupon Edmond Chace & David Shove are appointed to labor with him & endeavour to convince reclaim him from the error of his conduct & report the state of his mind at next meeting

The committee having the charge of a subscription to raise three hundred dollars to supply our Treasury not having compleated the same are continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

The representatives to our last Quarterly meeting informed that
Sd Quarterly meeting had agreed that a meeting house be buil
at or near the villige of Fallriver in the Town of Troy of the
following dimentions (Viz) 34 by 30 feet - 20 feet posts, & thro
this meeting was authorised to proceed therein & build Sd house
whereupon Eber Slade Edmond Chace Benjamin Slade
Daniel Buffinton & Moses Buffinton are appointed to
have the Charge thereof & procure a copy of the Quarterly
meeting minute on the Subject & proceed to build Sd house
agreeable thereto on the lot lately purchased for that purpose
in the course of the approaching season & report the expence
there of at a future meeting when accomplished or sooner if necessary

Harvey Chace returned to this meeting a copy of a minute granti
him 31st of 1st mo 1820 with the following indorsment ~~there~~

To Swansey Monthly meeting

The within named Harvey Chace being about to return to your
Monthly meeting this may inform on his behalf that his conduct
& conversation while reseiding with us has been in a good degree
orderly & has settled his business to satisfaction as far as appear
Signed by directed & on behalf of Leeds Monthly meeting
held 21st of 12th mo 1821 Moses Wadsworth Clerk

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset
25th of 3d mo 1822 The representatives named in the several acc
are for **Swansey** Gideon Chace & Anthony Chace for Freetown
Enoch B Chace & Azariah Shove all present

The Subject referd at last meeting respecting Frances Chace
coming under consideration is again referd till 5th mo next for disp

The Committee appointed at last meeting to labor with Edmond
Anthony inform that they have attended to their appointment
yet not ready to report they are therefore continued for that Service
and desired to report at next meeting

This meeting being informed that Enoch B Chace expected to
reside several months the approaching season within the verge of Salem
Monthly meeting & requests a few lines shewing his right of membership
he being a member of this meeting & of an orderly life & conversation the
Clerk is desired to furnish him with a copy of this minute

This meeting being informed that Samuel Purinton expected to reside Several months the approaching season within the verge of Salem Monthly meeting & requests a few lines Shewing his right of membership he being a member of this meeting & of an orderly life & conversation the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute

The committee haveing the charge of a Subscription to raise 300 dollars to Supply our Treasury not haveing compleated the Same are again continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

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At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 29th of 4th moth 1822 The representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey Daniel Buffinton 2nd & Palmer Chace for Freetown Theophilus Shove & Stephen Shove all present

The Queries with answers ~~to the 1st 2nd & 4th~~ from the Several Preparative meetings were read in this from which general answers were agreed on as the state thereof & directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting to be held at East Greenwich by our representatives who are Benjamin Slade & Daniel Buffinton & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with Edmond Anthony informed that they have attended to their appointment yet not ready to report they are therefore continued and desired to report at next meeting

The Committee who have the care of the meeting held at Taunton made the following report (Viz) we the Committee in case of Taunton meeting have some of us attended all the meetings there since last appointment except three to some good degree of Satisfaction, and all were attended except one not attended by women it being very stormy as they informed, & we think well of a meeting being continued there for three months as last Continuance under the care of a committee which we Submit

Signd on behalf of the committee
Somerset 4th moth 1822

Gideon Chace
Hannah Earl 2nd

which is accepted and a meeting continued there ~~[illegible]~~ accordingly for three months as heretofore under the care of the Same committee with the addition of David Earl they desired to report in 7th moth next

One of the Committee who have the care of the meeting held at Fall River in Troy reported that one or more of th committee had attended all the meetings there since last report

The committee continued at last meeting who have the charge of a Subscription to raise 300 dollars as agreed on in 12th moth last not haveing compleated the same are again continued & desired to report at next meeting

Jacob Ball having removed to live within the verge of Providence Monthly meeting Gideon Chace & Benjamin Co are appointed to prepare a Certificate on his behalf & present at next meeting if nothing appears to obstruct

Daniel Robinson informed that he was about to reside a few months within the verge of Providence Monthly meeting & requested a few lines shewing his right of membership he being a member of this meeting of an orderly life and conversation the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute

Daniel Brayton returned to this meeting a copy of a minute granted him in 1st moth last with the following indorsment

Our esteemed friend Daniel Brayton has been acceptably with us at our Monthly meeting held at New Bedford 24th of 3d mo 182
Signed on behalf & by direction of sd Meeting. Abraham Shearman Jr Clk

Benjamin Buffinton returned to this meeting copy of minute granted him in 1st month last with the following indorsment

Our esteemed friend Benjamin Buffinton has been acceptabley with us at our Monthly meeting held at New Bedford 28th of 3d mo 182
signed on behalf & by direction of sd meeting Abraham Shearman Jr Clk

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 27th of 5th moth 1822 The representatives named in the several accts are for Swansey Abner Slade & Hervey Chace for Freetown Amos Lincoln & Abraham Chace all present

The representatives appointed at last meeting to attend the Quarterly meeting informed that they all attended

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with Edmond Anthony made the following report (Viz) To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset for Swansey 5th mo 27th 1822 We your Committee appointed to treat with Edmond Anthony report that we have attended to our appointment & he does not appear to us to be in a Situation to make friends satisfaction which we Submit to the meeting Edmond Chace David Shove which this meeting accepts & he the Sd Edmond Anthony is hereby denied a right of membership with us untill he manifest a Sincere return having the concurrence of the womens meeting therein & Azariah Shove is appointed to inform him thereof also his right of appeal

The Committee appointed at last meeting to draft a Certificate on behalf of Jacob Ball, are again continued for that Service and desired to report at next meeting

The Subject refer ~~at~~ in 3d mo last ~~meeting~~ respecting Francis Chace coming under consideration is again refd to next meeting for disposal

The Committee haveing in charge a Subscription to raise three hundred Dollars to Supply our Treasury as agreed on in 1st mo last not having completed the same are again continued to have the charge thereof & report at next meeting

Our Esteemed friends Benjamin Buffinton & Daniel Brayton attended this meeting with copys of minutes from Swansey Monthly meeting held at Somerset 1st mo 28th 1822 expressive of their being ministers in unity with them whose company and gospel labours has been truly Satisfactory to us and the Clerk is directed to give them a copy of this minute

Extracted from the minutes of a Monthly meeting of friends held in Westport 3d mo 21st 1822 Ebenezer Baker Clerk

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held Somerset 24th of 6th mo 1822 The representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey Anthony Chace & Gideon Chace for Freetown John Boyce & Stephen Shove all present

The Subject referd at last meeting respecting Frances Chace coming under consideration is again referd till next meeting for disposal

The Committee appointed in 4th mo th last to draft a Certificate in behalf of Jacob Ball presented one which was read and approved which the Clerk is ~~Directed~~ ordered to sign & forward to the place directed

Our Esteemed friend Nathan Spencer acceptablely attended this meeting with a copy of minute from Ranssalarvill Mo meeting held 23d of 5th mo th 1822 expressive of his being an Elder in esteem & of their unity with him in accompanying his wife on a religious visit in these parts

Our Esteemed friend Ruth Spencer attended this meeting with a copy of minute from the above named Monthly meeting & same date expressive of her being a minister in good esteem whose company has been satisfactory to us & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with copys of the above minutes

The committee having in charge a subscription to raise 300 dollars as agreed on in 1st mo last not having completed the same are again continued to have the charge thereof & report at next meeting

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 29th of 7th " 1822 The representatives named in the several acct ar Swansey Reuben Chace & Eber Chace for Freetown David Sho & Joshua Shove all

The Subject respecting Frances Chace refer'd at last meeting coming again under consideration & after weighty deliberation thereon David Earl Eber Chace & Jonathan Chace are appointed to take the Subject under their consideration & visit him & repor their prospect at next meeting

The Queries were read with answers to the 1st 2d & 10th from the sever Preparative meetings from which a Sumary was agreed on as descripti of the state of this meeting which we forward to the next Quarterly Quarterly meeting to be held on Rhode Island by our representatives who are Nathaniel Wheeler Robinson Buffinton & Moses Buffinton & the Clerk is desired to furnish them with a copy of this minute

The Committee having the care of the meeting held at Taunton made the following report (Viz) We your committee in care of the meeting held at Taunton have some of us attended all the meetings held there except one since last report to pretty good Satisfaction

and think well of a meetings being continued there under the care of a committee which we Submit to the meeting) David Earl
Signed on behalf of the committe ——— Hannah Earl 2nd
Swansey 29th of 7th moth 1822

which is accepted and a meeting is agreed to be held there under the care of the Same committee with the addition of Benjamin Buffinton & Nathiel Wheeler for three months on every first day except the one preceeding each monthly meeting they desired to report in 10th month next

We your committee haveing the care of the meeting at Fallriver have one or more of us attended all the meetings there except one in the time of the yearly meeting, they have all been kept up & we beleive to a degree of Satisfaction
To the Monthly meeting now sitting) Signed on behalf of sd committee Eber Slade
Edmund Chace
7th moth 29 1822,

The Committee having the care of a Subscription to raise 300 dollars to Supply our Treasury as agreed on in 1st moth last not haveing compleated the Same are again continued to have the charge thereof & report at next meeting

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 26th of 8th 1822
The representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey Wm Slade & Anthony Chace for Freetown Theophilus Shove & Azariah Shove all present
The Committee appointed at last meeting to visit Frances Chace inform that they have attended to their appointment but not ready to report, they are therefore continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting
The representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting report that they all attended except one; for whose none attendance a Satisfactory reason was rendered they also presented the following extract &c from our last yearly meeting the advices therein contained, was Salutory to us - that part ordered to be inserted in our books of Discipline Daniel Brayton is appointed to See accomplished and that respecting the boarding School is referd to the care of the committee appointed for that purpose
From our yearly meeting of Friends held on Rhode Island for New England from the 16th to the 20th of the 6th moth Inclusive 1822
To the Quarterly and Monthly meetings hereto belonging
Dear Friends, - Having been dipped into an excercise for the welfare of the body, a concern has arisen to address the members of this yearly Meeting on account of various deficiences which appear in the reports to the meeting this year, concerning Some of our Christian testimonies among these is that of attending our religious meetings, the neglect of which we have reason to beleive, tends poverty in all those who decline the practice of assembling with their brethren for the purpose of religious

Worship, we likewise observe with Sorrow, that our testimony respecting th use of Spirituous Liquors, is in divers instances disregarded by members of our Society, thereby exposing themselves to many Snares and temptations, if not to irretrievable misery

We believe that many of those weaknesses & deviation which exist among us are introduced by giving way to a worldly Spirit & have their foundation in this; for to be carnally minded is death, may we therefore dear friends endeavour above all things to Seek an increasing acquaintance with the God of our lives by often retiring to and waiting upon him, whereby we may feel his Spirit to help our infirmities & teach us what to pray for. — as this becomes our frequent practice, it will promote love to the brethren, tend to wean us from an undue attachment to the things of this wo & strengthen us to overcome those things, that have easily beset us. in this state our religious meetings will be made precious to us and we shall not be easily hindred from assembling with our brethren we shall become desirous of exhibiting a good example and shall know a being qualified to unite with others to labour in the spiri of meekness & wisdom with those who may be found departing from the testimo nies which we as a Society are called to bear

And we have felt particular desirous that Overseers & other concerned frien in all our monthly meetings, may seasonably & faithfully labour for the restoratio & preservation of all our members carefully cultivating a Spirit of love & unity bearing in mind that these are essential qualification availingly to labour with those who may be found departing from our religious testimonies

Signed by direction & on behalf of the meeting aforesaid Abraham Shearman Clerk

At our yearly Meeting held as aforesaid 6th mo 1822

The following minute of this meeting of the year 1706 being considered is revived & directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly & Monthly meetings that it may be entered on our books of Discipline (Viz)

At a yearly Meeting of friends held on Rhode Island the 18 of 4th mo 1706

it is the judgment of this meeting that no person that is out of unity with friends or under dealing of friends for any miscarriage ought to be suffered to sit in meetings of business nor their Collections to be received but be desired to withdraw from such meetings untill such time as they give satisfaction for such their miscarriage

At the yearly meeting of Friends held on Rhodesisland for New England from the 16th to the 20th of 6th mo 1822

The following report of the boarding School Committee being read is accepted, & Copies directed to be forwarded to our Several Quarterly & Monthly meetings

from the minutes of Said meeting Abraham Shearman Clk

To the yearly meeting

The boarding School committee report, that they have continued their care in the concerns of that institution which have been so conducted as to meet their approbation. Matthew & Betsey Purinton still exercise the care of Superintendents and Isaiah Jones Samuel B. Tobey Abigail Pearce and Sarah Lockwood are employed as instructors, Thomas Wilbur has been usefully employed a part of the past year in the same station, the improvement made by the Children committed to their care has been such as to afford us encouragement Meetings have been kept up as at first established & they are generally attended by some of the committee, The Superintendents teachers & others members of the family appear in harmony, and a greater degree of health has been witnessed than in any previous year the average number of Scholars has been about seventy five the receipts for board & tuition continue to meet the expenditures the situation of the funds is such as to enable the Committee again to admit one scholar from each Monthly meeting six months or two Scholars three months each free of expence they feel it incumbent upon them to suggest to Monthly meetings that judicious selections in these cases are of importance it having been found by experience that such as have had some opportunities for previous improvement have not only made greater proficiency than where it has been otherwise but such upon their return home have been usefully employed as instructors in smaller schools thereby rendering the institution more extensively beneficial

Signed on behalf of the committee A. Shearman Jun
Mary B. Allen
Providence 6th mo 3d 1822

The committee having the charge of a subscription to raise 300 dollars to supply our Treasury not having compleated the same are again continued to have the charge thereof & report at next meeting

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held Somerset 30th of 9th mo 1822 The representatives named in the several acct are for Swansey Palmer Chace & Edmond Chace for Freetown Abraham Chace & Stephen Shove all present except Palmer Chace for whose absence satisfaction reason was given

The committee continued at last meeting to labor with Frances Chace not being ready to report are again continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

Our Esteemed Friend Tristram Russel attended this meeting with a certificate from Marlborough Monthly Ulster County State of New york dated 27th of 3d m 1822 expressive of his being a Minister in unity & of their concurence with his intended visit his company & services with us have been truly acceptable

Our esteemed Friend Elihu Anthony attended this meeting in company with his aged father David Anthony with a copy of a minute from Milton Monthly meeting dated 4th mo 9th 1822 expressive of his being a minister in unity with them his company & Gospel labors have been accepted to us

Received from our last Quarterly meeting the following extract (viz)
At Rhodeisland Quarterly meeting held at Portsmouth 1st of 8th mo 1822
The committee appointed to promote subscriptions to defray the expence of building a meeting house at Fall River Village report that they have made but little progress in obtaining subscriptions for that purpose And it appearing to this meeting necessary to make direct provision for that purpose as well as to meet divers other demands which are likely to be made on this meeting during the present year propose the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be raised to supply our Treasury the Mo meetings are desired to forward that sum to our Treasurer in the following propotion (viz)

Rhodeisland	$325
Greenwich	215
Swansey	155
South Kingston	195
Providence	610
	1500 dollars

And the Clerk directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute
Extracted from the minutes Thomas Howland Clerk for this time

Whereupon we appoint Eber Slade William Slade & Azariah Shove to endeavour to collect by subscription one hundred & fifty five dollars our propotion as therein ordered & when accomplished pay the same to the Quarterly meetings Treasurer & report at a future meeting

Our Esteemed friend Jonathan Chace opened in this meeting a concern which had been sometime on his mind of visiting some meetings & families of friends within the verge of Salem Quarterly meeting he being a minister in unity the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute

The committee continued at last meeting to raise money to supply our Treasury not haveing compleated the same are again continued to have the charge thereof & report at meeting

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held Somersett 28th of 10th mo 1822 The Representitives named in the Several acct are for Swansey Daniel Brayton & Wm Slade for Freetown Luther Lincoln & David Shove all present except Luther Lincoln

The Queries were read & answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from our Several Preparative meetings from which general answers were agreed on as the state thereof & directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting to be held at this place by our representatives who are Edmond Chace Moses Buffinton & Theophilus Shove & the Clerk directed to furnish them with a copy of this & all other minuts necessary

The Committee in Care of Taunton meeting made the following report (viz)

To Swansey Monthly meeting to be held 28th 10th m 1822.
We your Committee in care of Taunton meeting have attended some of them and nothing appears but that the meetings have been all kept up to a good degree of satisfaction
Signed on behalf of the Committee Moses Buffinton
Hannah Earl Jr

Which is accepted & the meeting continued there as heretofore under the care of the same Committee they desired to report in the first mo

The Committee continued to labor with Frances Chace not being ready to report at this time are again continued for that service & desired to report at next meeting

The Committee having the Charge of the meeting at Fallriver made the following report (Viz) which is accepted
We your Committee having the care of the meeting at Fallriver have one or more of us attended all the meetings there which have been kept up with honor to a good degree of reputation
To the Monthly meeting to be held at Somerset 28th of 10th mo 1822
Edmond Chace
Eunice Brayton
on behalf of sd Committee

The time for which the over seers were appointed having expired the same friends are reappointed to that service for the ensuing year

Abner Slade & Oliver Earl are appointed to make the necessary provision for the Quarterly meeting next to be held at this place and report the expence at a future meeting

The Overseers presented the following information (Viz)
Ichabod Chace has so far deviated from the good order of friends as to keep Company & proceed in marriage with one not a member of our Society to the monthly meeting now sitting 10th mo 28th 1822 Moses Buffinton Oliver Earl overseers

Whereupon Daniel Buffinton Eber Slade & Daniel Brayton are appointed to labor with him & endeavour to convince him of the inconsistency of his conduct with the good order of friends & report the state of his mind at next meeting

The Committee having in Charge a Subscription to raise 300$ to Supply our Treasury not having Compleated the same are still continued & desired to report at next meeting

The Committee appointed in the 2nd mo last to Superintend the building a meeting house near the village of Fallriver in Troy made the following report (Viz) We your Committee appointed in the 2nd mo last to Superintend the building of the meeting house at Fallriver have attended to our appointment & very near completed Sd house the expence of which together with a Small Shed contracted to be built for the accommodation of sd house amounts to eleven hundred & ten Dollars
To the monthly meeting of Friends to be held Somerset 10th moth 28th 1822
Eber Slade
Edmond Chace
on behalf of the committee

Which this meeting approves & the Clerk is directed to forward a copy thereof together with this minute to the Quarterly meeting and the commi still continued to have the charge thereof & report when accomplished

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 25th of 11th mo 1822 The representatives named in the several accts are for Swansey Eber Chace & Palmer Chace for Freetown Theophilus Shove & Stephen Shove all present

The representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting reported tha they all attended

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with Frances Cho informed that they have attended to their appointment but ready to report they are therefore continued for that service & desired to report at next m

The Committee appointed at last meeting to labour with Ichabod [illegible] not being ready to report are again continued for that service & desired to report at next meeting

Benjamin Steere informed this meeting that he had a prospect of accompanying our friend Jonathan Chace in his religious visit to some parts of Salem Quarterly meeting he being a member in unity this meeting unite with him therein & the Clerk directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute

The Committee appointed at last meeting to make provision for the Quarterly meeting reported the expense to be seven Dollars & twenty five cents which being allowed by this meeting Oliver Earl is appointed to draw on the Quarterly meetings Treasurer for that amount & pay the same & the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute

The Representatives to our last Quarterly meeting informed that sd meeting did not approve of the committees report respecting the expense of the meeting house at Fall River on account of a Shed being included therein but ordered the same back to this meeting for reconsideration whereupon the subject is again referred to the same Committee they desired to reexamine the expense & report at next meeting

The Committee having the care of a subscription to raise 300 hundred Dollars to supply our Treasury as agreed on in 1st mo last not having completed the same are again continued to have the charge thereof & report at next meeting

Enoch B Chace returned to this meeting a Copy of a minute granted him 25th of 3d mo last with the following indorsement (viz) Enoch B Chace named in the within minute has satisfactorily attended our meetings at Lynn during the past summer

By direction of Salem Monthly meetg of Friends holden at Salem 10th of 10th mo 1822 Stephen A Chace Clerk

Samuel Purinton returned to this meeting Copy of a minute granted him in the 8th moth last with the following indorsement (viz) Samuel Purinton named in the within minute has Satisfactorily attended our meetings at Lynn during the past Sumer

by direction of Salem Monthly meeting of Friends holden at
Salem 10th of 10th moth 1822 Stephen A Chase Clerk.

— At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held Somerset 25th 12th mo 1822

The representatives named in the Several reports are for Swansey Benjamin Slade & Eber Slade for Freetown Abraham Chase & Davis Chase all present

The committee continued at last meeting to labour with Francis Chase inform that they have attended to their appointment & had Several opportunities with him to some degree of satisfaction they are therefore continued to have the Care of that matter & report in the 3d mo next

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with John Chase informed that they have attended to their appointment yet not ready to report they are therefore continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

The Committee having the Charge of building the meeting house at Fall River not being ready to report are continued & desired to report at next meeting

The Committee having in Charge a Subscription to raise money to supply our Treasury as agreed on in 1st moth last reported the Same to be Settled & presented the following receit (viz) Received of the Committee that had the Care of Collecting three hundred Dollars ordered in the first moth 1822 the Sum of three hundred dollars

Swansey 30th of 12th mo 1822 Benjamin Slade Treasurer

This meeting agree to raise two hundred Dollars to supply our Treasury whereupon Stephen Chase Nathan Chase 3d Robinson Buffinton Wm Earl David Shove & Luther Lincoln are appointed to endeavour to Collect the above Sum by Subscription & report when accomplished or Sooner if necessary

Jonathan Chase returned to this meeting a Copy of a minute granted him in 9th moth last with the following indorsement (viz) our friend Jonathan Chase attended this meeting with the within minute his company & Services are acceptable to us

Extracted from the minutes of Salem Monthly meeting of Friends held at Lynn 19th of 12 mo 1822 Stephen A Chase Clerk

[illegible] Benjamin Slade [illegible] returned to this meeting Copy of a minute granted him granted him last moth with the following indorsement (viz) Our friend Benjamin Slade acceptably attended this meeting with the within minute

Extracted from the minutes of Salem Monthly meeting of Friends holden at Lynn 19th of 12 moth 1822 Stephen A Chase Clerk

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held Somerse
27th of 1st mo 1823 The representatives named in the Several meet
are for Swansey Oliver Earl & Clark Shove for Freetown
John Boyce & Azariah Shove all present except John Boyce

The Queries were read with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from the Several Preparative meetings from which general answers were agreed on as representing our present state which are directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting to held at Providence by our representatives Benjamin Slade & Edmund Chace & the Clerk is desired to furnish them with a Copy of this and all other minutes necessary

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with Ichabod Chace made the following report (Viz) Dear Friends
We your Committee appointed to labor with Ichabod Chace have attended to our appointment & had an opportunity with him nevertheless we did not think him to be in a Suitable disposition of mind to make friends Satisfaction, Since which one of us have received a few lines from him wherein he manifested a desire for friends to make a minute against him therefore takeing the Subject under consideration we are of judgment that it may be safe to proceed against him all which we Submit to the meeting

To the Monthly meeting now sitting } Daniel Buffinton Daniel Brayton
1st mo 27th 1823) Eber Slade

Which this meeting accepts & after weighty deliberation thereon & with the concurrence of the womens meeting he the Sd Ichabod is denied a right of membership with us untill he manifest a Sincere return & Eber Slade is appointed to inform him thereof

The committee having the Charge & oversight of building the meeting house at Fallriver made the following report (Viz) We your committee having the Care of building the meeting house at Fallriver have attended to our appointment & compleated the same the expence thereof amounts to Ten hundred fifty nine dollars & twenty five

To Swansey Monthly meeting to be } Benjamin Slade Daniel Buffinton
held 27th of 1st month 1823 } Moses Buffinton Eber Slade Edmund Chace

which being accepted and approved of Eber Slade is appointed to receive the amount thereof from the Quarterly meeting & pay the same to Sd committee & report when accomplished

The Committee having the care of the meeting held at Taunton reported that Sd meeting had been kept up to some degree of satisfaction & that they thought well for Sd meeting to be still continued which is accordingly for three months under the care of the same

Committee they desired to report in the 4th mo next or Sooner if in their Judgment necessary

Reced from Darthmouth Monthly meeting a removal Certificate on behalf of Wm Wood & family which being accepted is directed to be recorded

Freetown Preparative meeting in their acct informed that Josiah Woodward jur had So far deviated from the estabished order of [illegible] friends as to keep com=pany & proceed in marriage with one not a member of our Society whereupon Eber Slade & Wm Slade are appointed to labor with him & endeavour to Convince & reclaim him & report the state of his mind at next meeting

Friends constituting the meeting at Fall River in Troy Unanimously requesting for a weekday meeting to be held at that place which after being weightily considered & having the concurrence of the womens meet=ing is united with & their request granted Sd meeting to be held on fourth day of each week except the weeks on which our Monthly & Preparative meetings are held & to be under the care of the committee having the charge of the meeting at that place

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 24th of 2d 1823 The Representatives named in the acct from Swansey are Henry Slade & Daniel Robinson Henry Slade Present no acct from Freetown

The Clerk not being present Palmer Chace is appointed Clerk for the day

our Esteemed friend Hannah Chace attened this meeting with a Copy of a minute from East Hoosack Monthly meeting held 11th moth 28th 1822 Certifying her being an Elder in unity with them whose Company has been acceptable to us

Also our Esteemed friend Hannah Chace jur attended the this meeting in Company with her Mother with a Copy of a minute from the above Sd Monthly meeting Certifying her being a member in unity with them whose company has been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish with a Copy of these minutes

The Monthly meetings Records not being present the business therein contained is referd to next meeting

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 31st of 3d moth 1823 the Representatives named in the acct from Swansey are Gideon Chace & Anthony Chace Gideon Chace present no acct from Freetown

The Clerk not being present Clark Shove is appointed for the Day

The Monthly Meetings Records not being present this meeting adjourns to the 10th of the 4th moth next at the Close of the meeting for worship on fifth day

10th of 4th moth meet according to adjournment — The acct. from Freetown being present the the representatives named therein are John Boyce & Azariah Shove who being Called ~~with~~ with those from Swansey are all present

The Representatives appointed in 1st moth last to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended

The Committee appointed in 1st moth last to labor with Josiah Woodward junr not being ready to report are again continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

The Committee continued in the 11th moth last to labour with Frances Chace not being ready to report are again continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

Providence 7th of 2nd moth 1823 Received from Swansey Monthly meeting by the hand of Eber Slade one hundred fifty five Dollars being their proportion of Stock ordered in 8th moth 1822

David Anthony Q M T

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 28th of 4th moth 1823 The representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey David Earl & Wm Slade for Freetown Enoch B Chace & David Shove all present

The Queries with answers from the Several Preparative meetings were read in this from which Summary answers were agreed on as comprising our present State & directed to be forwarded to our Quarterly meeting to be held next at Greenwich by our representatives who are Eber Slade Daniel Robinson & Daniel Buffinton 2nd & the Clerk desired to furnish them with a Copy of this minute

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with Josiah Woodward Junr made the following report (Viz)

We your committee appointed to labour with Josiah Woodward junr have of late had an opportunity with him & in our Judgment he is not in a Suitable disposition of mind to make friends satisfaction. To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset 28 of 4th moth 1823 } Eber Slade
William Slade

which being accepted he the sd Josiah Woodward junr -

is with the concurence of the womens meeting denied a right of membership with us untill he manifest a Sincere return & David Earl is appointed to inform him thereof & report when accomplished

The Committee continued at last meeting to labor with Frances Chace made the following report (Viz) To Swansey Monthly meeting the 28th of 4th moth 1823 We your committee have laboured with Francis Chace from time to time which hath not had the desired affect which we submit to the Monthly meeting Jonathon Chace David Earl Eber Chace Which being accepted he the Sd Frances Chace is hereby with the concurence of the womens meeting denied a right of membership with us untill he manifest a Sincere return & Eber Slade is appointed to inform him there of & report at a future meeting

Swansey Preparative meeting in their acct inform that Thomas Anthony proposed offering his intention of marriage with Lois Chace at this meeting who accordingly appeared with her & declard their intention of takeing each other in marriage they are desired to wait untill next meeting for an answer

The Committee having the Care of Taunton meeting made the following report (Viz) To Swansey Monthly meeting 28th of 4th moth 1823 we of the committee respecting Taunton meeting have Some of us attended a Small part of the meetings there Since last appointment, the meetings have all been kept up though Small we think that a meeting may be continued there as heretofore on behalf of the committee Gideon Chace David Earl Mary Shove

Which is accepted & Sd meeting accordingly continued as heretofore under the care of the Same committee they desired to report in 7th moth next

The Committee having the care of the meeting Fall River made the following report (Viz) To the mothly meeting now siting 4th mo 28 1823 We of the committee having the Charge of the meeting at Fall River have one or more of us attended all the meetings there & nothing hath appeared to us but that they have been kept up to a good degree of Satisfaction - - - - - Ever Slade Edmond Chace

Benjamin Hazard & Elizabeth Earl appeard in this meeting & declared their intention of takeing each other in marriage he presented from Southkingston Monthly meeting the necessary Certificate in that case required they are desired to wait untill our next meeting for an answer

Freetown Preparative meeting in their acct informed that Luther Lincoln Jur had so far deviated from the good order of Friends as to keep company & proceed in marriage with one not a member of our Society

Whereupon we appoint Eber Chace David Earl & David Shove to Labour with him & endeavour to convince & reclaim him off the inconsistancy of his conduct with our profession & report the state of his mind at next meeting

Daniel Robinson returned to this meeting a copy of minute granted him in 4th moth 1822 with the following indorsment

At Providence Monthly meeting held at Smithfield 26th of 2nd moth 1823 this meeting is informed that Daniel Robinson has returned to Somerset and requests that the copy of a minute from Swansey Monthly meeting which he brought to this may be returned to that meeting & nothing appearing but that his life & conversation have been orderly while with us the Clerk is directed to endorse a copy of this minute on the back of it & forward to Swansey Monthly meeting

Extracted from the minutes Arnold Congdon Clerk

Received the following information (Viz) Our last Yearly meeting proposed to the consideration of this meeting the printing an additional number of our Books of Discipline And it appearing by information that friends in many places are not fully supplied with them it is concluded that an additional number be printed And the Clerk is desired to request the Several Monthly meetings to inform the next Siting of this meeting what number each meeting may want & will be accountable for

Extracted from the Minutes of a meeting for Suffering held at Providence 5th of 2nd mo 1823

Thomas Howland Clerk

whereupon this meeting agrees to be accountable for twenty Copies & David Earl is appointed to inform the meeting for Sufferings thereof

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held Somerset 26th of 5th moth 1823 The representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey Anthony Chace & Abner Slade for Freetown Annis Lincoln & Abraham Chace all present except Annis Lincoln

The Representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended

Nothing appearing to hinder the proceedure in Marriage of Thomas Anthony & Lois Chace the necessary Certificate on his behalf from Greenwich Monthly meeting as also consent of parent being presented at this time they are at liberty to accomplish the same agreable to the good order of friends & William Slade & Joseph Buffinton are appointed to see the same Solemnized & marriage Certificate recorded & report at next meeting

Nothing appearing to hinder the proceedure in marriage of Benjamin Hazard & Elizabeth Earl they are at liberty to accomplish the same agreeable to the good order of Friends & W^{m} Slade & Joseph Buffinton are appointed to see the same Solemniz^{d} & Marriage Certificate recorded & report at next meeting

The Committee appointed at last meeting to labour with Luther Lincoln Jun^{r} report that they have had an oppertunity with him to a degree of Satisfaction they are therefore still continued to labour with him & report at next meeting

Davis Chace a member of this meeting having for a considerable time past resided within the verge of New-Bedford Monthly meeting Eber Slade & Gideon Chace are appointed to prepare a certificate to that meeting on his behalf & present to next meeting if nothing appears to obstruct

At Swansey Monthly meeting held Somerset 30th of 6th 1823 The Representatives named in the Several acct are for Swansey Gideon Chace & Theophilus Shove for Freetown John Boyce & David Shove all present

The friends appointed last meeting to attend the marriages of Thomas Anthony & Benjamin Hazard reported that the Same was Solemnized agreeable to the order of Friends & that the Certificates were handed to the regester for recording

The committee continued at last meeting to labour with Luther Lincoln Jun^{r} informed that they paid some attention to their appointment they are therefore still continued to the Charge of that case & report at next meeting

The friends appointed at last meeting to draft a certificate on behalf of Davis Chace presented one which being approved of was Sign^{d} by the Clerk & Eber Slade is appointed to forward the Same to the place directed

The Printed General Epistle from the yearly meeting of friends in London for 1822 was received & read at this time to our edification & Comfort

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 28 of 7th mo 1823 The representatives named in the several accounts are for Swansey William Slade & Oliver Chace for Freetown Luther Lincoln & Azariah Shove all present except Azariah Shove

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from the several Preparative meetings were read in this from which general answers were agreed on as descriptive of our present state & are forwarded to to next Quarterly meeting to be held on Rhode Island by our representatives who are Gideon Chace Daniel Buffinton & Eber Chace & the Clerk is desired to furnish them with a copy of this minute & the answers

The Committee continued at last meeting in Case of Luther Lincoln 1st not being ready to report are still continued to have the charge thereof & report at next meeting

The Committee haveing the care of the meeting held at Taunton made the following report (Viz) To Swansey Monthly held at Somerset 28th of 7th mo 1823 we of the committee in Care of the meeting held at Taunton Some of us have attended part of the meetings & they have been kept up though small to Some degree of Satisfaction & we think a meeting may be continued there under the care of a committee

On behalf of the Committee David Earl Hannah Earl 2nd

which this meeting accepts & Sd meeting is still continued to be held there on every first day for three months under the care of the Same Committee with the addition of Luther Lincoln they desired to report in 10th mo next their prospect of its future continuation

To the mothly meeting to be held Somerset for Swansey 28 of 7 mo 1823 we of the committee having the charge of the meeting at Fall River have one or more of us attended all the meetings there & nothing hath appeard to us but that they have been kept up to a degree of Satisfaction - Eber Slade & Edmond Chace

Eber Slade informed that he had forwarded the certificate on behalf of Davis Chace to the place directed & handed a Copy thereof to the the regester to be recorded

David Earl informed that he had informed Josiah Woodward 2nd of his deniel

Eber Slade informed this meeting that he had informed Frances Chace of his deniel

Swansey Preparative meeting in their acct informs that Charles Hadwin Propose offering his intention of marrige with Aracy Brownell at this meeting who accordingly appeard with her & declared their intention of takeing each other in marriage they are desired to wait till our next meeting for an answer

=At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held Somerset 25th of 8th moth 1823 The representatives named in the Several acc are for Swansey Oliver Earl & Hervey Chace for Freetown Theo=philus Shove & David Shove all present

The Representatives appointed at last meeting to attend the Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended

The committee continued at last meeting to labour with Luther Lincoln Jur not being ready to report are still continued to labor with him & desired to report at next meeting

Nothing appearing to this meeting to hinder the Proceeding in Marriage of Charles Hadwin & Amey Brownell- the necessary Certificate from Providence Monthly meeting on his behalf also Consent of Parent being presented at this time they are at liberty to accomplish the Same agreeable to the good order of Friends & Benjamin Buffinton & David Earl are appointed to See the Same Solemnized & marriage Certificate recorded & report at next meeting

The Clerk informed that the time for which he was appointed is expired whereupon Reuben Chace & Daniel Brayton are appoin=ted to conver with Some Suitable friend to Serve as Clerk also an assistant & report their names at next meeting

Received the following Epistle which was read to our satisfactin

From our yearly meeting of Friends held on Rhode Island for New England from the 15th to the 18th of the 6th moth inclusive 1823

To the Quarterly & Monthly meetings hereto belonging

Dear Friends

In entering upon the State of Society as exhibited to us in the answers to the Queries a deep exercise has spread over our minds and living desires are raised that under our profession may be engaged above all other considerations to sink down in the Spirit, of their minds to the gift of divine grace mercifully vouchsafed to each and every one and wait for his tendering visitation upon the Soul whereby (as we are encouraged to belive) renued qualifications would be experienced for the discharge of ur Several religious duties.- A deep Sence of our dependence upon the gracious dispensing of these visitations for pre=servation from the multiplied temptations and trials to which we are Subject, ought to encourage and animate us in the discharge of the Solemn duty of diligently attending our religious Meetings and lead us when assembled to gather to the true resting place, the Rock of Ages humbly & reverently to wait upon the Lord for a renewal of that Strength which cometh from him alone ;- And may none among us make it a matter of convenance merely thus to meet but with reverence

And fear assemble ourselves together at our stated times of meeting remembering that thereby we bear a noble testimony of our belief in the Great truths of the Gospel & of devotion to its cause

May it be the earnest endeavour of every one to seek after the unity of the Spirit which is the bond of peace,, and (to revive the language of one of our ancient worthies) As we all profess the life of God to be the Author of our life and well being it becomes us all to differ in nothing but every one to depart from that which tends to evil. May we be especially careful in all our movements to do nothing which may tend in any manner to lay waste or destroy the unity of the body remembering that we are members one of another and however in private judgment we may scruple or have some doubts respecting the propriety of any of its conclusions, yet we belive that peace of mind will be experienced in submitting our own judgment. Indeed the very nature of Society requires this submission — for such is the frailty of our natures such our liability to err in judgment that we may well distrust ourselves and be concerned not to be found opposing the wholesome order of the Church. — We are especially solicitous that in our Publick assembles for divine worship there may nothing appear tending to disunity or disorder but that with all lowliness of mind we may concerned therein rightly to perform this interesting & solemn duty. And may there not be a disposition in any to follow the example of some to whom the Apostle was concerned to write who said I am of Paul & I of Apollos and I of Cephas and I of Christ — But saith the Apostle Is Christ divided was Paul crucified for you or were ye baptized in the name of Paul. — No dear Friends he is one and as we are ~~[illegible]~~ concerned to come unto him with a willing mind and wait upon him we shall all be baptized into one body & become members of the true Church of which he is Head

It is painful to us to perceive that notwithstanding our repeated endeavours the use of Spirituous liquors is not wholly confined to medicinal purposes; but that some still in profession with us make too common use of them, such we are concerned to address; that they may yet more deeply consider the awful risk they are venturing that they may pause upon the brink of that precipice from which so many thousands of the human race have precipitated themselves

Are you aware dear Friends how many of the Comforts & blessings even of this life you forego by an indulgence in dangerous practice

Are you aware how much of your respectability and usefulness among your fellow men you are sacrificing we entreat you to ponder

ponder seriously upon these things &c yt you may escape for your lives look not behind you, look not upo the wine when it is read when it giveth its colour in the cup for at the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder

May we all be concerned to labour together for the help one of another and with meekness counsel one another and watch over one another for good and ~~one~~ when one is overtaken with a fault those who are Spiritual endeavour in meekness for his restoration but we entreat you let not any of our precious testimonies sealed to us by the sufferings of our worthy predecessors fall to the ground

Finally farewell - Peace be to the Brethren & love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

Signed by direction & on behalf of the meeting aforesaid

Abraham Shearman Jr Clerk

Extracts from the report of the Boarding school Committee Received by the yearly meeting in the Sixth mo 1823

The yearly Meeting Boarding School Committee Report that the School is under the goverment of the same Superintendants and Teachers as at the time of our last report - the average number of Scholars has been about Seventy. Their general conduct and improvement in learning have been such as to be Satisfactory and encouraging to the committee.. Meetings for Worship have been kept up and as far as appears in an acceptable manner. The committee again conclude to admit from each Monthly meeting one Scholar for Six months or two Scholars ~~three~~ months each free of expence Signed on behalf of the Committee Rowland Green

Providence 2nd of 5th mo 1823 Alice Rathbun

At Rhodeisland Quarterly meeting held at Portsmouth the 7th of 8th mo 1823

This meeting concludes to raise for the Service of the ensuing year four hundred dollars which the Monthly meetings are desired to forward to our Treasurer in the Same proportions as last year Swansey Monthly meetings proportion is forty one dollars on behalf of the meeting

Arnold Congdon Clerk

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 29th of 9th moth 1823 The representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey Edmond Chace & Jonathan Earl for Freetown John Boyce & Abraham Chace all present

The committee appointed at last meeting to confer with some Suitable friends to Serve as Clerk and assistant not being ready to report are still contined for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

The Committee continued at last meeting to labour with Luther Lincoln Junr made the following report which is accepted (Viz) To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset 9th mo 29 1823 we your Committee appointed to treat with Luther Lincoln Jur have had Several oppertunities with him to a good degree of Satisfaction he appearing measurably Sensible of the error of his conduct and desirous of makeing friends Satisfaction which we Submit to the meeting David Earl Danl Shove Eber Chace & a paper of acknowledgement being presented from him which being read & considered of in this meeting is receive for Satisfaction and is as followeth

To the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset 6th moth 30th 1823 this is to inform that I have so far deviated from the established rules of Friends as to marry with one not a member of our Society which practice I condemn and desire friends to pass by my offences and continue me under their wathfull care - - - - - - - - Luther Lincoln Junr

The Overseers presented to this meeting the following information (Viz) To the Monthly meeting to be held at Somerset for Swansey 29th of 9th moth 1823 Dear Friends, Weston Earl hath deviated from the path of true Chastity & virtue in having been too familliar with a young woman which she has Testified too upon her oath before a Magistrate

Joseph Buffinton
Oliver Earl } Overseers
Moses Buffinton

Whereupon William Slade & Gideon Chace are appointed to labour with him and endeavour to Convince & reclaim him of the error of his conduct & report at next meeting

= At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 27th of 10th moth 1823 The representatives named in the several accts are for Swansey Palmer Chace & Abner Slade for Freetown David Shove & Theophilus Shove all present except Theophilus Shove

The Committee continued at last meeting to confer with some Suitable friends to serve as Clerk and assistant not being ready to report at this time are still continued & desired to report at meeting

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from the several Preparative meetings were read in this, from which general answers were agreed on as representing our present State & directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting to be held at this place by our repre=Sentatives who are Anthony Chace Benjamin Slade & David Shove and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute together with the answers

The Committee appointed at last meeting to labour with Weston Earl not being ready to report are continued to labour with him, with the addition of David Shove & desired to report at next meeting

The Committee who have the Charge of the meeting held at Taunton reported that nothing appeared but that the meetings had all been attended & thought well of the meeting being continued for one month as last continuation, which is accordingly under the Care of the same committee they then desired to report

One of the Committee who have the Care of the meeting held at Troy reported that the meetings had all been Satisfactorily attended

Abner Slade Nathan Chace 3rd & Moses Buffinton are appointed to make the necessary Provision for the Quarterly meeting next to be held at this place & present their account at a future meeting

= At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 24th of 11th moth 1823 The representatives named in the several accts are for Swansey Oliver Chace & Jonathan Earl for Free=town Stephen Shove & Azariah Shove all present

The Committee continued at last meeting respecting Clerks Proposed Joseph Buffinton for Clerk & David Shove assistant which meeting the approbation of this meeting they are appo=inted for that service the ensuing year

The Representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended

The Committee continued at last meeting to labour with Weston Earl made the following report (viz) to the Monthly meeting of Friends to be held at Somerset 11th mo 27th 1823

We the committee in case of Weston Earl have had several opportunities with him and he does not appear to us in a disposition to make friends satisfaction which we submit to the meeting

Gideon Chace Wm Slade David Shove

which this meeting accepts and he the sd Weston Earl is hereby with the concurrence of the womens meeting denied a right of membership with us untill he manifest a sincere return & Gideon Chace & Edmond Chace are appointed to inform him thereof also his right of appeal - Likewise prepare a Testimony of Denial against him & present to next meeting

The Committee who have the care of the meeting held at Taunton made the following report (Viz)

Which this meeting accepts & sd meeting is still continued there for three months as last continuation under the care of Gideon Chace Benjamin Buffinton David Shove David Earl Luther Lincoln Joseph Buffinton Jonathan Chace Wm Slade & Moses Buffinton who are desired to report in the 2nd moth next

The committee appointed at last meeting to make the necessary provision for the Quarterly meeting reported the expence to be ten dollars & 50 Cents which this meeting allows & Daniel B Robinson is appointed to draw on the Quarterly meetings treasurer for that amount & pay said committee & report when accomplished & the Clerk is desired to furnish him with a copy of this minute

Swansey Preparative meeting in their acct inform that Daniel Robinson requested our Certificate to East Hoosoak Monthly meeting on account of marriage with Hannah Chace jur & Daniel Brayton & Palmer Chace are appointed to make the necessary inquiry respecting his clearness to proceed therein & prepare a Certificate for him & present to next meeting if nothing appears to obstruct

The Committee who had the care of a Subscription to raise 200 hundred dollars as agreed on by this meeting in 12th mo 1822 reported the same to be Compleated

This meeting agrees to raise one hundred dollars to supply our Treasury wherupon a subscription was begun in this meeting & left in the care of Palmer Chace David Shove Hervey Chace Moses Buffinton & Enoch B Chace who are desired to endeavour to collect the remainder & report at next meeting

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 29th of 12th moth 1823 The representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swansey Moses Buffinton & Stephen Chace 2nd for Freetown Enoch Boyce & Theophilus Shove all present

The Committee appointed at last meeting to inform Weston Earl the proceedings of this meeting against him, ~~informed that~~ & prepare a Testimony of denial reported that they had informed him thereof also presented a Testimony of denial against him, which being read is refered to next meeting for disposal

The Committee appointed at last meeting to prepare a Certificate for Daniel Robinson to East Hoosuck Monthly meeting on acct of marriage with Hannah Chace junr presented one which being read was approved of and Signed by the Clerk

The friend appointed at last meeting to draw on the Quarterly meetings Treasurer the amount of the expence of the Quarterly meeting last held at this place informed that he had fullfiled his appointment & paid Said Committee

The Committie appointed at last meeting to have Charge of a Supscription to raise one hundred Dollars as agreed on at that time not being ready to report are continued to have Charge thereof & report at next meeting

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 26th of 1st moth 1824 The Representatives named in the Several accounts are for Swansey David Earl & Moses Buffinton for Freetown David Shove & Luther Lincoln Present Moses Buffinton

The Queries with Answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from the Several Preparative meetings were read in this from which we have agreed on a Sumary comprising our present State, & directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting to be held at Providence, by our Representatives who are, Wm Slade Benjamin Slade & Joseph Buffinton, & the Clerk desired to furnish them with a Copy of this minute together with the answers.

The Subject refered at last meeting respecting a Testimony of Denial against Weston Earl coming under consideration at this time, it is concluded that the Same be dismissed

Swansey Preparative meeting in their acct inform that Daniel Buffinton junr proposed offering his intention of marriage with Hannah Buffinton at this meeting who accordingly appeared with her & declared their intention of taking each other in marriage who are desired to wait till next meeting for an answer & Wm Slade & Holmes Chace are appointed to make the necessary inquiery respecting the Clearness of the sd Daniel & report at next meeting

Freetown Preparative meeting in their acct. informed that Apollos Anthony Proposed offering his intention of marriage with Elizabeth Lincoln at this meeting who accordingly appeared with her & declared their intention of takeing each other in marriage who were desired to wait till next meeting for an answer & Enoch P. Chace & Moses Buffinton are appointed to make the necessary inquiery respecting the clearness of the Sd. Apollos and report at next meeting

The Committee continued at last meeting who had the Care of a Subscription to raise one hundred Dollars as agreed on in 11th mth last reported that the Same was collected & settled who are directed to pay the Same into our Treasury

The time for which the Overseers were appointed being expired Each Preparative meeting are desired to nominate Some Suitable friends for that Service & forwared their names to next Monthly meeting & the Clerk is desired to furnish Each Preparative meeting with a copy of this minute

one of the Committee who have the care of the meeting held at Fall river reported that nothing appeared but that all the meetings had been kept up to Satisfaction

At Swanzy Monthley meeting held at Somerset
2 Mo. 23. 1824 The representatives named in the several
accounts are for Swanzy Anthony Chace & Wm. Slade
for Freetown to Theophilus Shove & Stephen Shove
all present—

The representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly
Meeting reported that they all attended

Nothing appearing
to this meeting to hinder the proceedings in marriage
of Daniel Buffinton Jun & Hannah Buffinton they are
left at liberty to accomplish the same agreeable to
the good order of friends & Joseph Buffinton & Clark
Shove are appointed to see the same decently Solemnized
and marriage Certificate recorded and report at
next meeting— Nothing appearing to hinder
the proceeding in marriage of Apollos Anthony
and Elizabeth Lincoln they are left at liberty to
accomplish the same agreeable to the good order of

Friends and David Shove and Theophilus Shove are
appointed to see the same decently solemnized and marriage
certificate recorded and report at next meeting and a
meeting is appointed for that purpose to be held at
Taunton in the Friends meeting house 3 Mo. 10th next
at the 11th hour

Swanzey Preparative meeting in their
account informed that they have nominated Joseph
Buffinton Edmond Chace & Wm. Slade to the place
of Overseers which meeting the approbation of
this meeting they are appointed accordingly for the
ensuing year The committe who had the care of
the meeting held at Taunton reported that nothing
appeared but that the meetings had all been attended
to satisfaction and it is concluded that the
meeting be continued for two months as last
held there under the care of the same Committe
they desired to report in the 4 Mo. next—

This meeting
agrees to raise one hundred dollars to supply our
Treasury whereupon Harvey Chace, Palmer Chace Abner Slade Wm.
Chace and Enoch B Chace are appointed to take
subscriptions of Friends for that purpose and report
in the 4 Mo. next—

At Swanzey Monthly meeting
held at Somerset 3 Mo. 29, 1824 the representatives
named in the several accounts are for Swanzey
Palmer Chace & Jonathan Earl for Freetown Enoch B Chace
& David Shove all Present—

The Committee appointed last month to attend the Marriage
of Daniel Buffinton Junr. & Hannah Buffinton reported that they
attended to their appointment and nothing appeared ~~but~~ but that
the Sd. marriage was decently Solemnized and the Certificate
~~and the Certificate~~ handed to the recorder

The Committee appointed last month to attend the marriage of Appollos Anthony & Elizabeth Lincoln reported that they attended to their appointment & nothing appeard but that the Sd marriage was decently Solemnized and the certificate handed to the recorder

This meetings Audit presented the following acct which is accepted (Viz) To Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held Somerset 29th of 3d moth 1824 Esteemed Friends we your audit have reconed & Settleed the Treasurers accounts up to 11th of 3d moth 1824 and find there hath been paid into the Treasury Since our last Settlement five hundred & Ninetynine dollars & fifty Cents, Paid out by Sd Treasurer five hundred & Ninety two dollars thirty five Cents leaves a ballance in Sd Treasurers hands due the meeting of Seven Dollars & fifteen Cents — also have Settleed the overseers accompts up to the 29th of 3d moth 1824 and find a ballance Due them and others of

Gideon Chace Jonathan Earl audit

Freetown Preparative meeting in their acct informed that John Boyce requests that his son John Boyce be taken under the Care of friends likewise Enoch Boyce requests that his sons Enoch & William Boyce be also taken into membership whereupon Daniel Brayton Benjamin Buffinton & Wm Slade are appointed to take an opportunity with the Sd John & Enoch Boyce & their families & report their Prospect of receiving Sd Children at next Monthly meeting

Daniel Robinson informed this meeting that he was about to remove within the verge of Providence Monthly meeting & request our Certificate whereupon Joseph Buffinton and Jonathan Earl are appointed to prepare one for him and present to next meeting if nothing appears to obstruct

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 26th of 4th moth 1824 The representatives named in the several accounts are for Swansey Daniel Buffinton & Gideon Chace for Freetown Enoch B Chace & Azariah Shove all present

The Queries with Answers from the several Preparative meetings were read in this, from which general answers have been Selected as descriptive of the state of our meeting which we forward to the Quarterly meeting by our

To the Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 4 Mo. 26. 1824

We of the Committe in the care of Taunton Meeting have paid some attention to our appointment and it appears that all the meetings have been attended (except one & two others not attended by Women) to some good degree of satisfaction and we think well of the meeting being continued for three months under the care of a Committe which we submit to the meeting.

Sign'd in behalf of
the Committe

Gideon Chace
Mary Shove } Committe

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Representatives who are David Buffinton 2nd Benjamin Slade & Luther Lincoln and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute together with the answers

The Committee appointed at last meeting in case of John & Enoch Boyces request, informed that they have paid Some attention to their appointment but not ready to make a full report they are therefore continued for that Service & desired to report at next meeting

Freetown Preparative meeting in their acts inform'd that they have nominated Theophilus Shove & David Shove to the place of Overseers which with the approbation of this & concurrence of the womens meeting they are appointed for that Service for the ensuing year

The Committee having the care of the meeting held at Taunton made the following report (viz)

Which this meeting accepts and a meeting is continued there accordingly under the care of the Same committee as heretofore for three months they then to make report

The Committee appointed last month to prepare a removal Certificate for Daniel Robinson presented one which being read was approved of & signd by the Clerk & Joseph Buffinton is appointed to forward the Same to the place directed

Received from Vassalboro Monthly meeting a copy of a minute on behalf of Harris Foster which this meeting accepts

The Committee appointed in the 2nd month last with the Care of a Subscription to raise one hundred dollars not having Compleated the Same they are continued to have the Care thereof and report at next meeting

This meeting directs our Treasurer to pay to the Quarterly meetings Treasurer our propotion of Quarterly meeting Stock.

23d of 2nd moth 1824 Received of the Committee ordered to Collect one hundred Dollars in 11th moth 1823 that full sum of 100 Dollars Benjamin Slade Treasurer

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somer
31st of 5th moth 1824 The Representatives named in the several accts are for Swansey Samuel B Chace & Moses Buffinton for Freetown Stephen Shove & Abraham Chace all present

Received from New Bedford Monthly meeting a Certificate on behalf of Benjamin Chace & family which is accepted

The representatives appointed to attend our Last Quarterly meeting reported that they all attended

The Committee in the Case of John & Enoch Boyces request reported that they have attended to their appointment & after thoroughly investigating the Subject in this meeting they are still continued to have the Charge thereof & requested to report in the 7th moth next

The Overseers presented the following information (Viz)
To Swansey Monthly meeting to be held at Somerset 31st of 5th mot 1824 Dear Friends, Joseph S Chace hath departed from our well known principle in attending a place of Training, also almost wholely neglected the attendance of our religious meetings and about Proceeding in marriage not agreeable to our Discipline which we Submit to the meeting Wm Slade
Joseph Buffinton } ove

which this meeting accepts & Eber Chace & Palmer Chace are appointed to labour with him & endeavour to convince & reclaim him of the inconsistancy of his conduct & report at next meeting

The Committee appointed in the 2nd moth last in the care of a Subscription to raise 100 dollars reported that it is compleated

This meeting agrees to raise one hundred dollars to Supply our Treasury whereupon Benjamin Earl Edmond Chace Eber Chace Azariah Shove Nathan Chace 2nd & Luther Lincoln are appointed to ~~collect~~ have the charge thereof and report in the 7th moth next

Providence 5th of 5th moth 1824 Received from Swansey Monthly meeting by the hand of Benjamin Slade Fourty one dollars, is their propotion of Quarterly meeting stock ordered in 8th moth 1823 David Anthony Q M Treasur

At Swanzey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 28th 6th moth 1824 The representatives named in the Several accts are for Swanzy Eber Chace & Gideon Chace for Freetown Theophilus Shove & Azariah Shove all present

The Committee appointed last month to labour with Joseph S Chace made the following report (Viz) To the Monthly meeting now Sitting (Esteemed Friends) We your Committee appointed at last meeting ~~[illegible]~~ to labour with Joseph S Chace have attended to our appointment and he does not appear to us to be in any disposition to Condemn his Conduct

Eber Chace
Palmer Chace

28th 6th moth 1824

Which is accepted and he the Sd Joseph S Chace is hereby with the concurence of the womens meeting denied a right of membership with us untill by a Circumspect Conduct he manifest a Sinceer return & Gideon Chace is appointed to inform him thereof also his right of appeal

Received from Smithfield Monthly meeting a Certificate on behalf of Earl Chace which accepted

26th of 6th moth 1824 Received by the hand of Palmer Chace one hundred Dollars ordered in 2nd mo last

Benjamin Slade Treasurer

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 26th of 7th moth 1824 The Representatives named in the Several accts are for Swansey Theophilus Shove & Miller Chace for Freetown David Shove & Stephen Shove all present except Theophilus Shove

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from the Several Preparative meetings have been read in this from which a Summary has been Selected as descriptive of the State of this meeting which we forward to the Quarterly meeting by our representatives who are Edmond Chace & David Shove & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of this minute

The Committee Continued in the case of John & Enoch Boyces request think well of that matter being continued another month which is according under their Care they then desired to report

The Committee who have the care of the meeting held at Taunton reported that the meetings have all been attended and think well of a a Meetings being continued there for three months as hereto-fore, which is accordingly under the care of the Same committee they then desired to report

Swansey Preparative meeting in their account informed that Hervey Chace proposed offering his intention of Marriage with Hannah Wood at this meeting, who accordingly appeared with her and declared their intention of takeing each other in marriage who are desired to wait till our next meeting for an Answer - William Slade & Daniel Buffinton are appointed to make the necessary enquiery respecting the Clearness of Sd Herveys Proceedure & report at next meeting

Freetown Preparative meeting in their account inform that Herbet Skinner proposed offering his intention of marriage with Lydia B[illegible] Lincoln at this meeting who accordingly appeared with her & declared their intention of takeing each other in marriage who are desired to wait untile our next meeting for an answer - he haveing Produced the nessasary Certificate from Smithfield Monthly meeting in that case required

The members of Fallriver meeting in the Town of Troy presented a request to this meeting for the priveledge of holding a Preparative meeting at that place on the fourth days of the week preceeding the Monthly meeting; also for a meeting for worship in the after noon on the first days of the week to be at the third hour untill the 11th mo next - and that all the morning meetings in future begin at the 10th hour - Which after deliberate consideration thereon is complied with and Sd meetings are established accordingly & Daniel Brayton David Earl & Edmond Chace are appointed to attend the first Sitting of Sd Preparative meeting with a copy of this minute & report thereof at next meeting

The Committee haveing the care of the meeting at Fall River made the following report (Viz) To the Monthly meeting held at Somerset for Swansey 26th of 7th mo 1824 We your Committee haveing the care of the meeting held at Fallriver have Some of us attended nearly all the meetings held there, they have been all attended & we believe to a good degree of Satisfaction Signed by the Committee Edmond Chace Ruth Buffinton Mary Buffinton Oliver Earl Joseph Buffinton

which is accepted and the Committee dismissed

The Committee appointed in 5th mo last in the care of a Subscription to raise one hundred dollars not being ready to make a full report at this time are continued to have the care of that matter & report at next meeting

Nathan Slade presented to this meeting the following (Viz)
This meeting was informed that Nathan Slade had returned to reside within the limits of Swanzey Monthly meeting he being a member of our Society and has been orderly whilst with us the Clerk is directed to furnish that meeting with a copy of this minute

Taken from the minutes of Westport Monthly meeting held at Westport 7th mo 15th 1824 Isaac Macomber Clerk

At Swansey Monthly meeting of Friends held at Somerset 30th of 8th mo/1824 The representatives named in the Several acct are for Swansey Abner Slade & David Earl Freetown Theophilus Shove & Abraham Chace Troy Daniel Buffinton & Stephen Chace all present

The Committee continued at last meeting in case of Enoch & John Boyces request not being ready to report are again continued & desired to report at next meeting

It appears by information that the representatives appointed at last meeting to attend the Quarterly meeting that the both attended

Nothing appearing to hinder the proceeding in marriage of Harvey Chace & Hannah Wood they are left at liberty to accomplish the Same agreable to the good order of friends & Daniel Brayton & William Slade are appointed to see the same decently Solemnized & marrige Certificate recorded & report at next meeting

Nothing appearing to this meeting to hinder the proceeding in marriage of Herbert Skinner & Lydia P Lincoln they are left at liberty to accomplish their Sd intention agreeable to the good order of Friends and Benjamin Buffinton & David Earl are appointed to see the Same decently Solemnized & marriage Certificate recorded & report at next meeting — and by request a meeting is appointed for the accomplishment of their marriage to be held at Friends meeting house in Taunton on 2nd day the 6th of 9th mo next at the 11th hour

A Concern having arisen in this meeting by some exercised friends respecting divers deficences of our Christian Testimonies among Some of our members more especially the neglect of attendance of our religious meetings whereupon

Daniel Brayton David Earl Benjamin Buffinton Gideon Chace & Palmer Chace are appointed to join the overseers or Labor individially as Truth may direct. in order that those deviations may be removed & report at a future meeting

This meeting was informed that Nathan Slade requested a Certificate to Westport Monthly meeting on acct of marriage whereupon Theophilus Shove 2nd & Clark Shove are appointed to make the ~~[illegible]~~ necessary enquiery respecting of the Sd Nathans proceedure and prepare one for him if nothing appears to obstruct & present to next meeting

The committee appointed at last meeting to attend the first siting of a Preparative meeting at Troy reported that they attended to their appointment

The Committee continued at last meeting in care of a Subsciption to raise one hundred Dollars not being ready to ~~report~~ make a full report are again continued to have charge thereof & desired to report at next meeting

At Rhode Island Quarterly meeting held at Portsmouth the 5th of 8th mo. 1824 It is concluded to raise three hundred dollars for the Service of the ensueing year Swansey Monthly meetings Proportion is thirty Dollars which they are desired to forward to our Treasurer on behalf of the meeting Arnold Congdon C. Clerk

Received an extract from our last yearly meeting which was read to our Satisfaction and is as followeth (N 1½)

30-8-1829

Daniel Brayton clerk

1st 4mo 1799 Reuben Chase assist "
4 " 1800 re appointed
4 " 1801 —— "
4 " 1802 —— "
5 " 1803 —— "
6 " 1804 —— Daniel Brayton clerk, Joseph Buffinton assist.
7 " 1805 " "
8 " 1806 "
9 " 1807 Joseph Buffinton clerk, Eber Slade assist.

time of Clerk expired 1823 8mo
com-on Clerks continued " 9
" " " " " 10
com reported " 11 Jos Buffington clerk
David Shore assistant Clerk

Boundaryline 7mo 1791